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Two Hundredth Anniversary of

The First Congregational Church

of Haddam Connecticut

October 14th and 17th

1700-1900

"These first settlers of New England were eminently pious men. * * * Now, although we have departed from the faith and piety of our ancestors, and we are a crooked and perverse generation, yet since God has so highly prospered our nation, is it not a duty incumbent on us to honor Him with our substance and with the first fruits of our increase? * * * Come forth, ye friends of virtue and society, and put away all your vices, and honor the Lord in all your ways."—[*From a sermon preached by Rev. John Marsh on the two hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.*]

Order of Exercises.

SUNDAY.

Morning Service:

Historical Address.

THE PASTOR.

Sunday-school Hour:

The Origin and Growth of the School.

Mrs. F. H. ARNOLD.

Evening Service:

The Early Settlers and their Homes.

Mr. ROLLIN U. TYLER.

Address.

The Rev. WILLIAM A. BRONSON, Pastor of the Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAY.

MORNING, TEN O'CLOCK.

Organ Prelude.

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow."

Scripture Lesson — Responsive Selection 2.

Prayer —

The Rev. Wm. B. Clarke, Pastor of the Church in Durham.

Hymn 632 — "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken."

The Day We Celebrate — November Fourteenth, Seventeen Hundred.

Mr. Cephas Brainerd.

Responses:

Our Daughters.

East Haddam, 1704 —
The Rev. Francis Parker, Pastor.

Haddam Neck, 1740 —
Deacon Henry M. Selden.

Higganum, 1844 —
The Rev. W. J. Tate, Pastor.

Anthem — "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" . . . . *Leslie*

Our Longest Pastorate — That of the Rev. Eleazer May.

The Rev. T. T. Munger, D.D., Pastor United Church, New Haven.

The Half Century to 1850:

The Revival Era —
The Pastor.

Reminiscent Paper —
The Rev. A. S. Chesebrough, D.D.

The Pastorate of the Rev. James L. Wright —
The Rev. S. W. Robbins.

Hymn 633 — "The Church's One Foundation."

Benediction.

LUNCHEON.

AFTERNOON, TWO O'CLOCK.

Organ Prelude.

Hymn 749 — "Oh, God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand."

Prayer.

Gloria Patri.

The Deacons of the Church —

MINER C. HAZEN, M.D.

The Early Missionaries —

The Rev. D. B. HUBBARD, Pastor Third Church, Middletown.

The Homes of the Pastors —

Miss EVELINE W. BRAINERD.

Anthem — "In Heavenly Love Abiding" . . . . . *Thomas*

Mrs. WALLACE PORTER and Mr. ELWYN T. CLARK.

Addresses:

Mr. EDWARD W. HAZEN.

The Rev. W. C. KNOWLES, Rector St. James' Church.

Hymn 636 — "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Greetings:

The Oldest Churches —

The Rev. A. W. HAZEN, D.D., Pastor First Church, Middletown.

The Middlesex Conference —

The Rev. E. F. BURR, D.D., Pastor First Church, Lyme.

Hymn 630 — "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Benediction.

Musical Programme.

Addresses:

Mr. James N. Wright.
Mr. Charles May.

Cyprian Strong Brainerd, for thirty-three years, from his appointment till his death in 1880, a most worthy and devoted deacon of the Church, and for many years its enthusiastic and faithful chorister, with his beloved wife, Florilla Hull Brainerd, are affectionately and gratefully honored at this time by their son, Cyprian S. Brainerd, Jr., in a memorial gift of an organ, with the desire in this way to promote and enrich the worship of the Sanctuary.

The young men recently associated with us, but now residing in other places, helpfully remind the Church on this occasion of their friendly remembrance and abiding interest in its welfare by uniting in the present of the revised edition of "In Excelsis," as an appropriate accompaniment to the gift of Mr. Brainerd.

"Sing unto the Lord, sing Praises unto His Name."

ORGAN RECITAL.

First Congregational Church,
Haddam, Conn.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17, 1900, AT 7 O'CLOCK.

MISS GRACE TUCKER, ... Soprano
MRS. F. CARROLL, ... Contralto
MR. A. B. PAYNE, ... Basso
MISS GERTRUDE PAYNE, ... Organist

PROGRAMME—PART I.

Marche Solennelle, ... *Lemaigre*
MISS PAYNE.

My Redeemer, ... *Dudley Buck*
MISS TUCKER.

The Bugler, ... *Ciro Pinsuti*
MR. PAYNE.

The Devoted Apple, ... *J. Roeckel*
MRS. CARROLL.

Communion in F, ... *Grison*
MISS PAYNE.

Duet, ... *Selected*
MISS TUCKER AND MRS. CARROLL.

PART II.

Offertoire de St. Cecilia, ... *Batiste*
MISS PAYNE.

Stars, ... *Frances Leoni*
MISS TUCKER.

Storm Wind, ... *Carl Evers*
MR. PAYNE.

There's a Beautiful Land on High . . *A. H. Taylor*
MRS. CARROLL.

I Waited for Thy Salvation, ... ———
TRIO.

Processional, ... *E. B. Smith*
MISS PAYNE.

Pastors of the Church.

*Jeremiah Hobart,	1700–1715.	15 years.
*Phineas Fiske,	1714–1738.	24 "
Aaron Cleveland,	1739–1746.	7 "
Joshua Elderkin,	1749–1753.	3½ "
*Eleazer May,	1756–1803.	47 "
David Dudley Field, D.D.,	1804–1818.	14 "
John Marsh, D.D.,	1818–1834.	16 "
Tertius Strong Clarke, D.D.,	1834–1837.	3 "
David Dudley Field, D.D.,	1837–1844.	7 "
Elisha Woodbridge Cook,	1846–1852.	5½ "
*James Lockwood Wright,	1855–1871.	16 "
Everett Edward Lewis,	1871–	

* Died in office.

Acting Pastors.

Jonathan Willoughby,	1666–1667
Nicholas Noyes,	1668–1682
John James,	1683–1690
Jeremiah Hobart,	1691–1700
Theodore M. Dwight,	1844–1845
William H. Gilbert,	1845–1846
Erastus Colton,	1852–1854

THE ANNIVERSARY

AT the annual meeting of the church, December 20, 1899, the proposal to observe this anniversary received cordial and unanimous approval. Later, committees were appointed whose untiring interest guaranteed from the first the success of the celebration. To their call the response with service was universal and constant. Especially gratifying was the helpful interest and generous aid volunteered by many of the Higganum people whose church relations from 1696 to 1844 were identified with the mother organization.

After much thought it was deemed wise, for the convenience of friends who wished to be present, and also for the larger anticipation of pleasanter weather earlier in the autumn, to have the exercises in October. The week beginning October 14 was chosen, the day of the month agreeing with that in November when, in 1700, Jeremiah Hobart was installed as the first settled pastor of the church. His settlement completed the organization, which now appears, for reasons given in the opening address, to have been first formed four years earlier. The year 1696 is the date of the earliest entering by the church into covenant relations, while November 14, 1700, marks the beginning of the regular pastorate.

Sunday, the fourteenth, and the following Wednesday were the great days of the anniversary; the first was cloudy with a light rain, but Wednesday was all that

had been hoped for in weather and in attendance. The social feature of the day was peculiarly happy and exhilarating. Especially did the many joyful greetings of old friends remind us of the ties that bind the past to the present and give inspiration for the future. To many the anniversary was a delightful Home Week celebration. Visitors were taken to places of historic interest. At the old cemetery the graves of former pastors and deacons were decorated with flags and flowers. The "old pewter," polished anew, which once served at the observance of the sacraments, was in its place on the communion-table. Particularly did the Gerrard Spencer "flaggon" delight the lovers of the antique.

The unique feature of the celebration, coming as a great and delightful surprise, was the presentation to the church by Cyprian S. Brainerd, Jr., of a pipe-organ as a memorial of his beloved father and mother, Deacon Cyprian Strong Brainerd and his wife Florilla Hull Brainerd. Deacon Brainerd died in 1880 at the age of seventy-five, greatly respected and beloved, having worthily filled the office of deacon since his election in 1846, and for long years being the enthusiastic and faithful leader of the praises of the sanctuary. Mrs. Brainerd was the joy of her home and circle, and ardently attached to this church. By her will five hundred dollars were donated to the church to become a part of its permanent funds. Five years since, in 1897, at ninety years of age, and after sixty-six years of fellowship in the earthly communion, she passed to the reunions of the heavenly home.

The church placed upon its records a resolution expressing its grateful appreciation of this memorial gift by the use of which its worship will be greatly enriched.

Mr. Brainerd also arranged for the organ recital which was a most enjoyable feature of the exercises on Wednesday evening.

The welcome service rendered by Mr. Wallace Porter at the organ, on Sunday and again on Wednesday, and also by Mrs. Porter and Mr. Elwyn T. Clark in the choir, was appreciated. The generous gifts from the young men of the new hymn-books, "In Excelsis," for the church, and from Mr. Cephas Brainerd of the edition for the Sunday-school, were a greatly needed provision for the services of praise.

The arrangement of the program divided the history of the church into four sections of about half a century each. As far as possible, speakers were secured who, in some special way, were interested and qualified to represent the different periods. The first half-century was assigned to the pastor for the opening address on Sunday, with particular reference to the origin and early growth of the church. For the next period, speakers in whose veins runs the May blood were easily found. How happily Dr. Munger and Mr. Charles May filled the requirements of the occasion, who runs may read in these pages. The May half-century ended in 1803. The only serious disappointment was the inability to find some descendant to represent the Field and Marsh period; however, a letter from Dr. Henry M. Field was read on Sunday evening. Dr. Chesebrough, the nearest neighbor of Dr. Field during his second pastorate, also kindly furnished a reminiscent paper of peculiar interest. Additionally, and with special reference to the pastorates of Drs. Field and Marsh, a paper on the revival era was prepared, which for lack of time was not read, yet is included in this volume.

The last half-century was as fortunate as the second in its speakers. It was gratifying to welcome Mr. Robbins, whose memorial sermon at the death of Rev. James L. Wright was printed at the time, to speak again of the beloved pastor whose fruitful ministry of sixteen years closed suddenly by his entering into rest in 1871. No guest or speaker received heartier welcome than Mr. Wright, whose reminiscent paper refreshed the memories of the living, and records some of the choicest impressions of his father's ministry. At the opening of his address, he read the message, given in this record, from his aged mother to the church for this anniversary. Coming from the only pastor's wife now living, and from one greatly beloved and respected, it touched the tenderest emotions of hallowed memories. By her request the choir and audience sang, "Love divine, all love excelling," using an old and familiar tune.

Mr. Wright was asked by the chairman, in behalf of the church and of all the friends of former years, to bear to her the most affectionate greetings of esteem and remembrance.

Special papers, too, were read relating to the first settlers, the deacons, the missionaries, the homes of the pastors, and the Sunday-school. The letters from Mr. Cook and Mr. Gilbert, both living in their eighties, reminded us that they alone survived the pastors of other days.

The opening address was by Mr. Cephas Brainerd, the chairman. He introduced the speakers, and gave some account of Hadham of old England, visited during the summer.

Greetings came from Mr. Justice Brewer, whose mother was the Emilia Field of the parsonage in 1807;

from Lady Musgrave, whose father, Honorable David Dudley Field, was the first-born of a most illustrious family; from ex-President Cleveland of the fourth generation from our pastor, Aaron Cleveland; from Dr. John Fiske, the historian, whose ancestor was a brother of Rev. Phineas Fiske, and was the first clerk of the Ecclesiastical Society, formed in 1739, and a member of this church till he was dismissed to Portland in 1745. These, and letters from others, deepened our interest in the fathers. Particularly entertaining were the reminiscences of boyhood's experience written by Benjamin Kelsey of Indianapolis and David B. Ventres.

Graceful and generous words of congratulation were spoken by the pastors of neighboring churches.

Two relics of the May pastorate were shown—the May Bible and a sermon by Mr. May in two parts, one used in the morning and the conclusion in the afternoon, from the words, "There is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared." A few weeks later, the pastor read the sermon to an interested audience, thus preaching again the gospel of forgiving grace in the very words of the address which was first delivered one hundred and thirty-four years earlier, in November, 1766, to the great-grandfathers from the pulpit of the second meeting-house.

The recollection of the anniversary will linger long and cheeringly in the minds of all present, and its influence will be the satisfying reward of those who wisely and faithfully labored to pay generous tribute of honor to the fathers, whose toil and prayer and sacrifice in behalf of the church is the priceless legacy of their children's children.

The last part of this volume gives a full list of the members of the church from the beginning of the records in 1756. In its preparation extended researches have been made, chiefly by Rollin U. Tyler, the clerk of the church, for the purpose of furnishing, as far as possible, a complete and trustworthy record. A careful transcript from the record is also added of the baptisms, marriages, and deaths till about 1850, after which date the town records are complete in these matters.

It is believed that the increased historical value of the book from making these additions justifies the unexpected delay in printing. Its publication is made possible by the generous contribution of friends supplementing what has been pledged by subscriptions for the volume.

May, 1902

THE EARLY HISTORY

THE PASTOR

Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations.—MOSES.

IN the spirit of reverent thankfulness for the past we purpose this present week to recite the story of the early struggles and listen to the inspiring messages from the annals of this our beloved ancient church.

Two hundred years since, the fourteenth day of the month of November, the Rev. Jeremiah Hobart, according to the testimony of his colleague and successor, Mr. Fiske, was installed the first settled pastor of the church. This information is preserved in a brief sketch of the origin of the church prepared by Mr. Fiske in 1729, and sent to Rev. Thomas Prince of Boston for use in preparing a history of New England. Other evidence clearly indicates that, though Mr. Hobart received a formal call from the town August 24, 1691, "in some hopes to settle him as our pastor," and began preaching here late in the autumn of that year, it was not till the summer of 1700 that final action regarding his settlement was taken. At a town meeting, held June 5, 1700, the West Side says, "we cannot accept of Mr. Hobart as our minister until he be settled as pastor by the consent and advice of some Reverend Elders that shall be chosen and sent for."

The Reverends Thomas Buckingham of the second church and Timothy Woodbridge of the first church,

Hartford, Noadiah Russell of Middletown, Stephen Mix of Wethersfield, and Timothy Stevens of Glastonbury were nominated, and doubtless became the installing council of November 14; "the charges," it is added, "of the above settlement to be at the cost of the west side town." Mr. Hobart was never the installed pastor of the entire town, though the East Side contributed to his support till his death.

The question of "imbodying in church way and order" had been under consideration for many years. Many votes are on record encouraging Mr. Noyes to settle with the people as their pastor. Gerrard Spencer, in his will, dated September, 1683, when probably Mr. James was occupying the pulpit, says, "A pewter flaggon and a rim bason I give unto ye church att Haddam if there be one within five years after ye date hereoff." More than twice five years passed before a church could claim this gift of love. Trustworthy tradition, however, affirms that the heirs respected the wish of the donor, and that, after the formation of the church, the "flaggon and a rim bason" were the first of such gifts to be used in the administration of the ordinances. The "flaggon" is still preserved, and is our oldest relic of the past.

The exact date, however, of the organization of the church is not known. Mr. Fiske, who, without question, was well acquainted with the facts, expressly says in the letter referred to: "The church was first gathered November 14, 1700; the number of males fourteen."

Trumbull, in his History of Connecticut, also marks this church as known to have been gathered at the date named, and states that "as far as can be found the forming of churches was universally on the day of ordination." Naturally, and therefore ordinarily, this

would have been the usual method of procedure: the church, professing "the faith and order of the gospel," would enter into covenant, officers would be chosen, and a pastor settled on one and the same occasion, this being done with the approbation and assistance of a council called for the purpose.

In the historical sketch of the church, printed in 1879, these reasons were accepted as conclusive, and the arrangements for this celebration were based on that decision. What is here presented in revision of the acceptance of Mr. Fiske's opinion, and in favor of dating the origin of the church at least four years earlier, is the result of considerable further investigation,[1] since the anniversary, as to the theory and practice of the fathers in the gathering of churches; and also of finding, in old records, and especially among the baptisms in the records of the First Church at Middletown, unmistakable references to a church as in existence earlier than November 14, 1700.

The most probable explanation of the variation as to dates seems to be that two views were current at the time of Mr. Hobart's settlement: the first, represented by Mr. Fiske's statement, that a church was not organized, or at least not fully, so as to give date to its origin, till its officers were chosen and a pastor installed; the other, that the vital constituting act was the entering by the proposed members into covenant, which might take place months and even years, as seems now to be true of this church, in advance of the settlement of a pastor.

[1] Special acknowledgment of help is due to Professor Williston Walker, now (1902) of Yale University, whose expert acquaintance with early New England ecclesiastical history renders his aid invaluable, for many helpful suggestions, of which free use is made in this narrative; and also to Mr. Rollin U. Tyler, the church clerk, for his careful examination of many old documents and copying of the records of baptisms from Haddam at Middletown, prior to the settlement of Mr. Hobart.

In the latter case, the origin of the church would date from its entering into covenant rather than from the time of its being fully officered; though its organization would be incomplete, and, as the 1698 committee of arbitration lamented had been the case here, the church would be "prevented from enjoying God in all his ordinances" till a pastor was inducted into office.

Early Congregational thought and usage as to the central, vitalizing act in the forming of a church is clearly stated. The Cambridge Platform carefully distinguishes between the essential act in the gathering of a church and the subsequent appointment of its officers by saying, "A church being a company of people combined together by covenant for the worship of God, it appears thereby that there may be the essence and being of a church without any officer." Thomas Hooker, the first pastor at Hartford, whose successor, Timothy Woodbridge, was present at the installation of Mr. Hobart, and most probably when the church was organized, affirms that "mutual covenanting and confederating of the saints is that which gives constitution and being to the visible church." John Davenport, the leader of the New Haven colony, also teaches that "That whereby the church is as a city compacted together is the covenant." The application of this principle in giving existence to the visible church appears in the record of the gathering of the church at Middletown, which begins with the words, "The profession of the faith and order of the gospel by those that first *entered into covenant.*" Modern thought also agrees with this early and clear consensus of opinion as to the supreme place of the covenant in giving organized existence to a church. The first gathering, therefore, should date from the time of

entering into covenant, even if a pastor's induction into office is delayed.

Was the officering of a church invariably synchronous with its gathering; or, for sufficient reasons and by the intervention of serious difficulties, were exceptions to the prevailing custom occasionally recognized and allowed? Trumbull knew of no variation from the rule. Professor Walker, however, cites two instances, with possibly a third, in which the officering of a church occurred later than the entering into covenant, the churches first gathered at Boston and Hartford, and, for the third, at Salem, Massachusetts.

Mr. Hobart became the settled pastor of this church in 1700. April 22, 1695, nearly four years later than he received his call to settle and evidently after prolonged discussion of existing difficulties, the town votes that they do not "esteem and account themselves under his charge as their pastor," but at the same meeting it "was voted with the consent of the General Court and the approbation of neighboring churches to imbody in church way and order." The colonial records of May say, "This Court upon the motion of the deputies of Haddam do countenance and encourage the good people of Haddam to imbody themselves in church estate, provided they attend that good work according to law and with the consent of neighboring churches." Further action looking to the immediate gathering of the church is taken August 19, by two votes of the town. The first gives Mr. Hobart full possession and title to the house which, in accordance with the agreement of 1691, had been built for him and he was occupying at the time. The other vote declares "that those persons that made presintment of entering into church way, and as many

more as will join with them, have full consent to go on in that work." At this last date the probability is strong that a movement under such headway, already too long delayed, would be pressed as early as possible to some definite issue, even in the face of serious hindrances. Especially is it noteworthy that after this the town records are wholly silent as to any further effort to imbody in church estate; while June 5, 1700, when the members of the installing council were chosen, the primary question, were a church not in existence, would have related to its formation.

Three incidental references among the ecclesiastical papers on file at the State library witness, also, to the gathering of a church earlier than the installation of 1700. A committee from the General Court, appointed at the request of both parties, had endeavored to secure a reconciliation between Mr. Hobart and the people. Their advice, dated at Haddam, November 25, 1698, closes with the hope that "a mutual endeavor to walk in love may happily issue in the cordial and unanimous desire of the *church* to call Mr. Hobart to the full execution of the office of a pastor among them." The committee understands that the town has a church. Still more positive are two allusions to a church in the petition of George Gates and others, who, far from being satisfied with the advice of 1698, ask the court the following May for a differently constituted committee on the ground that, "as the honorable committee (1698) was then informed, there never was by the *church* or major part of the inhabitants"—church and inhabitants being carefully distinguished—"intended any such reconciliation as to accept of Mr. Hobart as our pastor for divers reasons which then did and still do seem to us weighty.

Resolved to desire the help of the Reverend Elders *concerned in our first imbodying* in conjunction with the Reverend Elders appointed as a part of the honorable committee, and to submit our thoughts to their judgment.'' The allusion to the first imbodying is in itself conclusive that the people believed a church had been regularly organized at an earlier date, though there is no indication whatever as to the time when it was done.

There are, in the Middletown records, twenty-three entries of baptisms of persons from Haddam for the years 1691 to 1700, that is, from the coming of Mr. Hobart to his installation.

The first distinct reference to a church is found under date of January 17, 1696 or 1697, new style, when ''John Ventres, a member of ye church of Christ in Haddam, by virtue of communion of churches was baptized according to ye advice of ye elders and messengers yt were present at ye gathering of ye church ye being no officer to yt church.'' Later in the year, July 25, ''Joseph Gates, a member in full communion with ye church at Haddam,'' had two children baptized. ''June 9, 1700, Daniel Braynard in full communion with ye church of Christ at Haddam had his son Stephen baptized by communion of churches.'' These three baptisms, two of children and one of an adult, are the only instances in which the parties interested are stated to be in any way connected with a church at Haddam. In the other cases, the parents of the children baptized either own the covenant, under the ''half way covenant'' plan of allowing baptized persons of orthodox belief and moral life to have, on their public acceptance of the covenant, their children baptized, or their relation to other churches is definitely implied, and usually it is

stated. Daniel Brainerd owned the covenant at the baptism of two children in 1691, and in June, 1696, his daughter Hannah is baptized, probably by virtue of his previous owning of the covenant, but without any statement to that effect.

The inference from these records is imperative that by some well-known action, and with the approbation of other churches, Haddam was known to have a church earlier than and probably but a few months before the Ventres baptism. The pastor of the Middletown church, Mr. Russell, was, as we have noted, a member of the council of installation, and probably, if not certainly, he was present when the church was organized. His testimony, therefore, in these carefully worded records, regarding a church here, in the essential feature that gives "constitution and being" to a church, represents his own and also the opinion of the elders and messengers taking part in the council of formation.

Further, the record indicates that conservative usage at least followed the early New England conception that baptism was to be administered only by an officer of the church in which the rite was performed. Accordingly, Mr. Hobart, though previously a pastor in other churches, and acting as the minister of this church, would be unable to administer the ordinances. It is possible, however, inasmuch as a freer practice as to baptism was beginning to prevail, that Mr. Hobart may have performed the rite among a portion of his people. Otherwise it is difficult to explain why only a small minority of the twenty-three baptisms at Middletown are from the west side, where the number of families largely exceeded those east of the river.

As to the precise year of the organization between

August, 1695, and January, 1697, the evidence seems to favor the latter part of 1696. But for the persistent hindrances that barred progress, notably those which forbade the settlement of Mr. Hobart when at last the church entered into covenant relations, the action of the town from April to August, 1695, would indicate that the imbodying occurred before the end of that year. There is no reference, however, to a church among the Middletown baptisms during 1695 and 1696, and in one instance, that of Daniel Brainerd referred to above, this omission may suggest, without proving, that it was not formed as late as June, 1696. On the other hand, while it is possible that the council was convened between the first and the seventeenth of January, 1697, it seems far more likely that its meeting occurred before the close of the previous year. This decision also agrees with Dr. Field's opinion, who, though quoting from the Prince Letters in another connection, makes no reference to Mr. Fiske's testimony, an omission as inexplicable, under the circumstances, as, in the light of what is here recited, is the statement that the church was first gathered at the settlement of Mr. Hobart.

The more probable inferences, therefore, unite in making 1696, without giving month or day, the memorable year in which this church, resolute in faith and courage, coming to its high privilege through long years of disappointing efforts, and not even then extricated from its perplexities in choosing a pastor, first entered, by mutual covenanting, with the approval of other churches, into the Congregational fellowship; and November 14, 1700, marks the completion of its organization and the beginning of its settled pastorates. The date 1696 makes this church the thirty-first in the colony.

Of the eventful years that, from the settlement of the town, preceded the imbodying in church estate, only a brief account can be given.

The earliest settlers came from the vicinity of Hartford in 1662, the very year that John Winthrop procured from Charles II the famous royal charter, with its extremely liberal provisions, under which New Haven was incorporated with Connecticut only three years later. Charles and his successor, James, however, made a determined effort to rob all the colonies of their charters and establish the supremacy of the crown. Andros was sent over as governor, and instituted drastic measures to reduce the colonies to subjection. Permanent relief, however, from the threatened calamity came unexpectedly by the accession, in 1688, of William and Mary. Connecticut, in common with the other colonies, received the news with great rejoicings and immediately reinstated the charter government. "Again," says Palfrey, "Englishmen were free and self-governed in the settlements of New England." The door was wide open for the sure unfoldings, civil and religious, of the principles preached by John Robinson, and transferred in 1636 by Thomas Hooker across the wilderness from Massachusetts to the fruitful valley of the Connecticut.

These political agitations and changes, even if they did not seriously disturb our Haddam ancestry during those first twenty-five years of resolute endeavor to establish homes for their families at Thirty Mile Island, were at least the victorious pledge to them of their complete success.

It was during this period that the first meeting-house was built, located at the front of the minister's lot in the Little Meadow, "its dimensions being twenty-eight

by twenty-four feet with eight places for windows,'' but no windows for a few years, and used for worship, in an unfinished state, as early, probably, as 1674.

The names of three ministers are found in the town records. Jonathan Willoughby, son of Francis, deputy governor of Massachusetts from 1665 to 1667, preached first at Wethersfield from 1664 to May, 1666, when, with his wife and two children, he came to Haddam for a brief service of about a year. The people gave him land and began to build him a house. He seems to have been of a roving disposition, and not very efficient in the management of his financial affairs. His father's will, written four years after Jonathan left Haddam, states that he had already spent thrice his rightful inheritance, and is for that and other sufficient reasons debarred from receiving any further assistance. The town, also, had occasion to reserve a part of the money due him to pay certain of his debts, and was not disposed to make arrangements for his permanent settlement.

Nicholas Noyes, a graduate of Harvard in 1667,—three of the Hobarts, brothers of our Jeremiah, belonging to the same class,—was the second minister and the first to gain any permanent hold upon the people. Probably he came to Haddam the year of his graduation, for, February, 1669, the year after the town was incorporated, taking its name from Hadham of the mother-land, the town offered him a salary of forty pounds and the use of the minister's lot. The same year, he was made a freeman. The house begun for Mr. Willoughby, shingled and clapboarded for the use of the town and undoubtedly used for the few years before the meeting-house was erected as the place of worship, including the lot on which it stood, was offered to him on condition that he accepted

their proposals to settle as their pastor. As late as 1681, the town emphasized its desire to have him remain by adding to his salary and promising, "If he stand in need of more maintenance we shall be willing to do our utmost, if it shall please God in his good providence to enable us to give it to him."

No satisfactory explanation is found for his persistent refusal to become the ordained pastor of a church which naturally and urgently should have been gathered the very year he came as a candidate. His action cost the people thirty-one years of deprivation of the full privileges of the gospel. He removed to Salem, Massachusetts, where he became influential and, unfortunately, one of the most unrelenting persecutors of those accused of witchcraft. He was never married, and died at seventy in 1717. His temperament was sanguine, his scholarship abreast of his times, and his reputation most worthy.

Daniel Brainerd and George Gates were sent to New London early in 1683, to engage Mr. John James to take the place vacated by Mr. Noyes. When he came or how long he stayed is not known. The house, orchard, and pasture which belonged to Mr. Noyes were rented to him for a year free of charge. But as early as 1691 the town votes to encourage a minister to settle with them by offering "fifty pounds in provision pay by the year." Mr. James may have stayed till 1690. Three years later, he appears in Derby, where he was settled and remained till his resignation, on account of increasing disability, in 1706, was accepted with reluctance and a generous vote of appreciation of his faithful services. He was the first teacher of a public school in Derby, and for several years its town clerk. He removed to Wethers-

field, where he died August 9, 1729, at the age of seventy-two.

The story of Mr. Hobart's long probation prior to his settlement in 1700 has already been told. From one point of view the date seems far away. Volumes of human history are crowded into two full centuries. Yet at that date our King James version of the Bible had been in use eighty-nine years. Shakspere had been read for fully as long a period. Milton's "Paradise Lost" was fast becoming an old book. But even more vividly is the time caused to seem short when we recall that Miss Larissa Shailer, the venerable and greatly esteemed mother in Israel, who joined the church in 1824, under the ministry of Dr. Marsh, and as a child probably saw Mr. May and has known and cheered all the pastors for a full century, is still with us and deeply interested in this anniversary.

The answers to some inquiries from England in 1680 are full of interest as to the state of affairs, civil and religious, during these formative years of our history. "Our people in this colony," says the report, "are, some strict Congregational men, others more large Congregational men, and some moderate Presbyterians; and take the Congregational men of both sorts, they are the greatest part of the people of the colony. There are four or five Seven-day men in our colony, and about as many more Quakers." The reply to the twenty-seventh and last question indicates how closely the civil government watched over the religious interests of the people: "Great care is taken for the instruction of the people in the Christian religion, by ministers catechising of them and preaching to them twice every Sabbath day, and sometimes on Lecture days; and so by

masters of families instructing and catechising their children and servants, being so required to do by law." Nor can we fail to observe that the emphasis of pastoral obligation rested on religious teaching and training. The fathers enthroned religion in the family, the town, and the state. "In our corporation are twenty-six towns and there are one and twenty churches in them."

Passing to the first half-century of the settled pastorates, a natural division occurs at the coming of Mr. May in 1756. The successors of Mr. Hobart are Phineas Fiske, Aaron Cleveland, and Joshua Elderkin, each of whom in his own way, but notably Mr. Fiske, will worthily maintain the reputation of the New England churches for having "a scholar for their minister in every town and village." The day of small beginnings and of almost doubtful struggle for existence yields to that of steady and prosperous growth.

Mr. Fiske received a call to the pastorate November 15, 1712, but was not settled as Mr. Hobart's colleague till January 27, 1714. Not since the period of Mr. Noyes's service had the people manifested so much enthusiasm in securing a pastor. A movement to provide seats in the galleries is at once started, and more frequently than before do we find votes directing that the drum shall be sounded every Sabbath day, and appointing a committee to seat the meeting-house.

Mr. Fiske was a man of solid worth. His father, Dr. John Fiske, married Hannah Baldwin of Milford, and later became a resident of the place. Phineas was born there, December 2, 1682; and largely through the influence of his pastor, Samuel Andrews, a warm friend of the Collegiate School at Saybrook, became first a student in the class of 1704, and two years after graduation

returned to serve as tutor till he came to Haddam. He may have studied medicine under his father's supervision.

Dr. Field tells us that his talents were solid rather than brilliant. It was just this quality of strength that the church needed. The tutor who had trained students in logic, metaphysics, and ethics with enviable success would not fail as the teacher of the church to lay broad and deep the foundations of its growth and stability. He had in his parish such men as Hezekiah Brainerd, the father of the widely known and honored missionaries, David and John, who was himself a man of repute and influence in the colony. For ten years he represented the town in the General Court, was Speaker of the House, and for the four years preceding his death was a member of the Council. His death at the early age of forty-six was a serious loss to the town and to the colony. His wife was Dorothy, the daughter of Mr. Hobart. Their first child was the Deacon Hezekiah Brainerd of our records, who married Mary, daughter of Rev. Mr. Fiske, and was a man of much influence in the church and town. The third child, Nehemiah, also married into the Fiske family, but after a brief pastorate at Eastbury he died and his widow returned to Haddam. Their only child, a graduate of Yale University in 1763, was the tenth deacon of the church.

The most prominent external sign of prosperity during the quarter of a century closing with Mr. Fiske's death was the erection of the second meeting-house, located near the old cemetery, and having a seating capacity twice that of the old house. At first "comfortable seats" were ordered for the first floor only, and all were to be pews. The congregation grew, and pews

in the great alley and galleries were added. Quietly these years of slow growth passed away. The loss of Mr. Fiske's records forbids any careful study of the work he accomplished. But the few suggestions from the traditions connected with his pastorate, and the steady growth in material things, fully assure us that he was a thoughtful and effective preacher, a friendly and helpful pastor, strong and wise in the administration of the affairs of the church, and emphatically loyal to his calling. As a medical adviser, his skill in the treatment of insanity and epilepsy is specially mentioned. His grave, with those of the other pastors buried in yonder cemetery, may well be visited this anniversary week and decorated with flags and flowers in silent and grateful tribute of respect to the men whose religious influence was so impressive during the first century of our settled pastorates.

This address, as most fitting to the opening service of our anniversary, and in accordance with the plan for these exercises, has dwelt at length on the earliest years of our history. The era of beginnings is absorbingly attractive. A few words only are added regarding the three remaining pastorates of the first century. The two following Mr. Fiske's were short.

Aaron Cleveland was ordained the third settled pastor of the church July 5, 1739. He remained seven years, when, on account of serious financial difficulties caused by the influence of the war upon the currency, he resigned his office, much to the regret of a large part of the parish. Eight years later than his dismission in 1746, he was again invited, though declining the offer, to accept the pastorate. After leaving Haddam he entered the English church, and, having received ordina-

tion in London from Bishop Sherlock, returned to this country as a missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. He died, "greatly lamented by all who knew him," August 11, 1757.

His successor, Joshua Elderkin, served the church but four years, being constrained by failing health to give up preaching. At Windham, whither he removed after his dismission, April 18, 1753, he became prominent, and in the Revolution "took an active and honorable part in the movement, sacrificing loyally of his resources in the public cause." With the coming of Mr. May, at the opening of the second half-century, our church records begin. Declining a call from Coventry in the latter part of 1754, he received in February of 1756, on the recommendation of the Hartford South Association, an invitation from this church to preach as a candidate for settlement. In May proposals were made for his acceptance of the pastorate on the basis of £160 settlement and £70 annual salary, which later, at his request, was increased with the limitations that the salary should never fall below £70 or exceed £100. Mr. May's records are highly prized not only as being the first that are preserved, but also for their detailed account of his official actions. They open with an account of the ordination services, June 30, 1756, and a list of the membership of the church. Just one hundred names are enrolled and three are added before the year closes. Rebecca Selden Wells, widow of James, the son of James of the first settlement in 1662, stands first on the list, being at that time seventy-seven years of age, and dying eight years later. Other names of special interest are Lydia Pratt Fiske, widow of the second pastor, and his daughter, Elizabeth, the widow of Rev. Nehemiah Brain-

erd, also her sister Mary, the wife of Hezekiah Brainerd, who, in 1764, became a deacon in the church; Sarah Brainerd, the widow of James, the fourth in the list of deacons; Thomas Brooks and Elisha Cone, whom Dr. Field marks as known to have been ordained as deacons, and both serving from 1742, the latter for sixty-seven years, till his death in 1809 at the advanced age of ninety-nine; Elijah Brainerd and Joseph Smith, who became deacons, the first in 1759, and the second in 1771; Dr. Hopestill Crittenden, and others not as easily identified. These and their associates welcomed the youthful pastor, then in his twenty-fourth year, to a long and useful ministry. The population of the town steadily increased from twelve hundred and forty-one in 1756 till at Mr. May's death it had reached twenty-three hundred. The erection of our third house of worship occurred under Mr. May's pastorate. The attention of the people immediately following its dedication in 1771 was directed to the struggle for independence, in which the town shared with commendable devotion.

By a fearless and faithful ministry, Mr. May was making large preparation for the deeper religious awakening that was already, as his ministry drew to its close, beginning to be felt in parts of New England; but for the full influence of which this church will wait till the opening of the new century and the coming of young men to make the new brighter than the old.

As we close, anticipating the larger gathering on Wednesday, our thoughts turn again with grateful emotion to the fathers. They are not here. They toiled and prayed and preached. They made our history fragrant with the breath of spring and joyous with autumn's harvests. But the past of the church is the prophecy

of its future. We recite the story of the church militant, and the centuries already passed bid us look forward with exultant confidence and say, with the twelve hundred saints of our enrolment already gathered in,—

Come, thou Church Triumphant, come,
Raise the song of Harvest-home!
All are safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of Harvest-home.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF HADDAM

Mrs. FRANK H. ARNOLD

THE first Sunday-school of which we have any record was held over two thousand years ago, in the streets of Jerusalem; and though it lasted from daybreak until the noontide, the pupils were so interested that they gathered together the second day, and the third, and for seven days, "and there was great gladness."

The superintendent was one Ezra, with a corps of teachers whose names I will not attempt to pronounce. In at least four respects this Sabbath-school was a model for all to come: in attendance—"all the people gathered as one man," in attention—"the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law," in reverence—"when he opened the book all the people stood up," and in efficient teaching—"they read in the book of the law of God distinctly and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading."

The present system of Sabbath-schools probably originated with Robert Raikes in Gloucester, England, one hundred years later than the organization of the Haddam church. Although since the sixteenth century children have been gathered together for religious instruction on the Sabbath, and in the summer of 1781, the same year which marked the beginning of the Gloucester Sunday-school, some of the fathers of the church in Washington, this State, gathered the children around

them, under the trees, during the intermission, and taught them in the Bible and catechism.

The Sunday-school organized by Mr. Raikes differed greatly from those of the present day. Business leading him into the suburbs of the town inhabited by the lowest class of the people, he was struck with concern at seeing a group of ragged children at play. He was informed that "on Sunday the street was filled with a multitude of wretches, who, having no employment on that day, spent their time in noise and riot, playing at chuck, and cursing and swearing." To check this deplorable profanation of the Lord's Day, he engaged four women to instruct as many children as he should send them on the Sabbath, in reading and the church catechism. In a short time a visible improvement was effected both in the manners and morals of the children, who attended in considerable numbers.

Ten years later Sunday-schools were established in Philadelphia, and the system soon extended to New York and the New England States. At first those who taught were hired to do the work, and the common rudiments of learning were taught as well as Scripture texts and the catechism.

A picture of the earliest Sunday-school in Haddam is given in Rev. E. E. Lewis's historical sketch of the church.

It was opened the second Sabbath in May, 1819, during Dr. Marsh's ministry, and continued until the close of August. It was discontinued during the winter months, as there was no provision for warming the meeting-house; each family had an old-fashioned foot-stove, which was supplied with coals from the home hearth in the morning, and supplemented at noon from some neigh-

boring house, or at the "Sabbath Day House," a small house near the church, where the people gathered after morning service for warmth and social intercourse.

The Sunday-school numbered at that time sixty boys and one hundred girls between the ages of seven and sixteen. They were separated into classes of five, each of which, with its teacher, was located in a pew in the meeting-house. The school opened at 12:30 by a hymn sung by the teachers, entitled "The Teacher's Prayer"; the superintendent, accompanied by the scholars, then offered the Lord's Prayer; after this the teachers devoted themselves to their classes for fifty minutes, hearing the children recite the lessons they had learned, and conversing with them.

The children then advanced into the aisle and sang to the tune of "Bath" this hymn:

> Oh, what a privilege is this
> That we obtain so rich a grace!
> We 're taught the path to endless day,
> We 're taught to read, to sing, and pray!

They then went in regular procession out of the house for some relaxation before the afternoon services.

During the preaching, the children sat together in the gallery, with a male and a female teacher with them to watch over them and mark such as behaved disorderly. Good-behavior tickets were given to all who had not forfeited them by bad conduct, and at the end of each month the tickets were redeemed by small religious books.

During the four months of this first summer there were recited by each scholar an average of over three

hundred and fifty verses of the Bible, over one hundred and twenty hymns, and three hundred and sixty answers to the catechism. Can the children of 1900 surpass that record!

Deacon Jonathan Huntington was the first superintendent of the school.

In a letter written in 1862 to Rev. Charles Nichols, pastor of the Higganum church, Dr. Marsh speaks of the pleasure it gives him that "you hold in recollection the old minister who forty-three years ago gathered around him, with great delight, the boys and girls of Haddam, to teach them the ways of Zion, then a more beautiful sight than the most beautiful flower-garden."

Some of the scholars [he continues] would learn so many verses that the teachers would not have time to hear them all. The summer was very happy with the teachers and the scholars, and for several summers the school was very prosperous. About two or three years after, it was blessed with a powerful revival of religion, and several of the children were hopefully converted. And to that school we might well look for the stability of the young people of Haddam, and much of the strength of the church, of which a good proportion of the school became members.

Tell the teachers and scholars to be faithful, to remember that life is short, and a glorious crown is for those who overcome.

Here is the program which was probably used during the first summer:

Rules and Regulations

for the Sunday-School established in Haddam

1. The children are to attend meeting every Sabbath morning, with hair combed, hands, face, and clothes clean, and sit together.
2. To be at the School Room at half past 12 o'clock.

3. To take their seats immediately on entering the School.
4. To say, together, the Lord's Prayer, after the superintendent.
5. To have some lesson learnt, to say to their Teachers, and to say it in a low voice.
6. To behave well in School, and neither laugh nor whisper.
7. To be grateful and attentive to their Teachers.
8. To love one another, and avoid contention and quarrelling.
9. Never to swear, or tell a lie, or call names.
10. To go to meeting in the afternoon in procession, and behave with solemnity.

Punctuality, Good Behavior, and Proficiency in learning, will be rewarded by Tickets and Premiums.

Good reasons must be given for absence from School.

Then follow four stanzas of a hymn to be learnt by all the Children, and sung each Sabbath, in Bath.

The following resolutions were adopted at a Church meeting held on May 5, 1822:

I. The male members of this Church shall constitute a Sabbath School Society.

II. The object of this Society shall be to encourage an attendance on the Sabbath School and promote its interest.

III. Every member of this Society shall pledge himself to send punctually, as far as convenient, his children to the Sabbath School, and other children committed to his care, and shall encourage other parents to do the same.

IV. This Society shall appoint a Committee, annually, of one, at least, in every school district, whose business it shall be to visit all the families in such district, and to take the names of the Parents, and the children between the ages of seven and sixteen, and the ages of the children, and transmit them to the Pastor of the Church in three weeks from their appointment, and who shall induce and encourage, by conversation from time to time with the parents and children, the attendance of the children on the Sabbath School.

V. As rewards are absolutely necessary for the encouragement of children, every member shall pay annually ten cents for the

purchase of them, which sum shall be collected by the Deacons at the Communion in July and expended according to the direction of the Pastor or Deacons.

Brethren Fiske Brainerd, Simon Hazelton, Comfort Cone, James Gladwin, Selden Huntington, Eliot Brainerd, Joseph Scovil, Marquis D. Thomas, Thomas C. Smith, Stephen Tibbals, Archelaus Tyler, Daniel C. Dickinson, Henry Smith, Selden Tyler, Edward Rutty, were appointed a committee for this year.

Attest, JOHN MARSH,
Pastor.

It seems strange to think of the Sunday-school as a modern institution, but this is impressed upon us by the fact that there are now living three members of that first Sunday-school in Haddam: Miss Larissa Shailer of Tylerville, born in 1800; the Rev. Daniel Clark Tyler (son of Moses Tyler) of Oneida, N. Y., born in 1808, who supplied the pulpit of this church for a short time in 1844; and Nathan T. Dickinson of Burlington, Penn., who was born in 1805. No doubt you will be glad to hear what Mr. Dickinson—now a veteran of ninety-five—has to say of the first Sunday-school. He writes:

I was a member of one of the very first Sabbath Schools in the United States. That school was organized by the Rev. John Marsh in the summer of 1819; there were a very few other Sabbath Schools organized in the year 1818, in other parts of Connecticut and in Massachusetts.

My teacher was John May. My classmates were John Smith, George Childs, Alfred Carter, and others that I will not mention. There were two early superintendents whom I remember. Their names were, Marquis Thomas of Ponsett, and Comfort Cone of Walkley Hill School District.

There were so many influential young men in the school as teachers and officers, that it is impossible for me to be positive about the superintendents. Of the male teachers there were George Brainerd, Alva Shailer, Ezekiel Clark, Watson Boardman;

females: Orpha Clark, Huldah Smith, and my sister Eliza. Clark and Ashbel Tyler were in the class, but not teachers. I could have given you more names of scholars, but I will make it a general thing. The scholars who came from Candlewood Hill School District, were the Scovils, Baileys, and Burrs; from Higganompus School District were the Brainerds, Boardmans, Gladwins, Childs, and Huntingtons; from Walkley Hill were the Walkleys, Brooks, and Cones; from Cockey Ponsett the Hubbards, Thomases, Spencers, Tibbals, and Bonfoeys; from Beaver Meadow were the Smiths, Knowles, and Brainerds; from Turkey Hill District were the Dickinsons, Tylers, Arnolds, and Rays; from Middle or Red School House District were the Shailers, Ventreses, Elys, and Shermans; Lower District, Tylerville, the Shailers, Tylers, Arnolds; from Haddam Neck District, Arnolds, Dudleys, Clarks, Brooks, and Brainerds. So you see they came from all over the town.

I can recall the acts and faces of my classmates as plainly as though it were but yesterday that I was among them. It is a great pleasure and pastime to think of their familiar faces.

The picture presented by Mr. Dickinson is a very pleasant one—of the boys and girls flocking from all parts of the town to the meeting-house on the morning of each Lord's Day. Think of the distances traveled! From Candlewood Hill, "Higganompos," Tylerville, and Ponsett! Yet doubtless the weekly gathering was anticipated with pleasure.

Possibly some present to-day may remember the bands of children trooping over the beautiful hills and valleys to the meeting-house, bearing in their hands shoes and stockings which were put on just before reaching their destination.

Some time during the next decade a Sunday-school was established in Candlewood Hill auxiliary to the Haddam school.

The list of teachers between 1834 and 1841 will recall

to some of the older members many interesting reminiscences of their labors.

Cyprian S. Brainerd was elected superintendent in 1839, and served most acceptably for many years. Benjamin H. Catlin was the assistant superintendent. The same year, Mrs. Submit Field taught a class of boys.

We can give but the names of the remaining teachers between 1834 and 1841:

Mary Arnold
Cyprian S. Brainerd
Charles Brainerd
James A. Brainerd
George S. Brainerd
Eliot Brainerd
Ansel Brainerd
Emma Brainerd
Fanny Brainerd
Ursula Brainerd
Miss A. Bonfoey
Hiram Brooks
Ellen Boyce
Mrs. Lucy Buell
Rev. T. S. Clark
Mrs. Huldah Clark
Cynthia Child
Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Child
Mrs. H. Child
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Catlin
Selden Huntington
Sarah Huntington
Elizabeth Huntington
Armenia Hubbard
Miss Hazleton
Ezra Kelsey
Daniel Kelsey
Mrs. Davis Kelsey
Sally Kelsey
Asa Mitchel
John May
James Noyes
Miss Peck
Edward Rutty
Elizabeth Rutty
Mrs. E. Scovil
Alva Shailer
Mary Ann Shailer
Larissa Shailer
Hurlbert Swan
David A. Strong
Miss Catlin
Comfort Cone
Mariah Chapman
Willard Cook
Ebenezer Cook
Chauncey Dickinson
Charles Dickinson
Mary L. Dibble
Rev. D. D. Field
Mr. Fiske
Miss Gould
Gilbert S. Gladwin
Russell Gladwin
Marietta Gladwin
Alexander W. Hall
Theodore D. Hayes
Ira Hutchinson

Lorinda Hull
Chauncey D. Skinner
Mrs. Spencer
Miss M. C. Snow
Mrs. Willard
Oliver P. Smith
Henry Smith
Linus B. Smith
James Smith
Betsey Smith
Emily Smith
Sophia Smith
Rowena Smith
Marinda Ann Smith
Daniel Clark Tyler
Elizabeth Tyler
Mrs. S. Tyler
David B. Ventres
Mary Ann Walkley
Mary Ann Warren
Miss Warner

"These rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

During the pastorate of Mr. James L. Wright, we find the following names on the roll of teachers:

John A. Brainerd
S. Worthington Shailer
Fanny Ventres
Nancy Williams
Mary Brainerd
Martha E. Brainerd
Mary Emma Brainerd
Hattie Brainerd
Hattie Wright
Hattie Clark
Mrs. James N. Russell
Mrs. Elihu B. Rogers
Emily Smith

Memories of faithful and efficient laborers will be recalled by the following list of the superintendents and their assistants during the last thirty years:

Superintendents

John A. Brainerd
Arnold H. Hayden
Marvin W. Brainerd
Miner C. Hazen
John H. Odber
Shailer B. Walkley
Frank H. Arnold
Ezekiel Shailer
Rollin U. Tyler

Assistant Superintendents

S. W. Shailer	Helen Russell
Charles A. Dickinson	Mary Hazen
Edward C. Arnold	Mrs. James N. Russell
Edward W. Hazen	Hattie Clark
Roger E. Dickinson	Mrs. G. A. Dickinson
Mary E. Brainerd	Mrs. E. B. Rogers
Kate R. Kelsey	Mrs. A. H. Hayden
Mrs. E. E. Lewis	Mrs. A. R. Shailer
Martha E. Brainerd	Mrs. Samuel Arnold

The advancement of the school during this period is more largely due to the pastor than to any other one person. His Bible class has been a source of profit and enjoyment to its members, and his constant interest in the school has added greatly to its prosperity.

In addition to the officers of the last thirty years might be mentioned the following teachers:

Mr. Cephas Brainerd, Sr.	Mrs. Ellen Brainerd
Mr. Cephas Brainerd, Jr.	Mrs. Miner C. Hazen
Mrs. Eleanor Boylston	Mrs. S. W. Shailer
Mrs. A. W. Tyler	Mrs. J. H. Odber

together with a score of others who are at present carrying forward the good work.

In the death of John A. Brainerd in 1875, the school lost one of its most able and willing workers.

Ten years later Miss Martha E. Brainerd, who for more than half a century had labored with untiring devotion and sympathy in the interests of the school, was taken home.

Memories linger with us of Mrs. E. E. Lewis. The

results of her influence upon the boys whom she had under her care will not be known here; but her earnest prayers, the personal notes, the word fitly spoken, and her unfeigned interest, have borne fruit, and many rise up and call her blessed.

Many now grown to manhood and womanhood remember their first happy days in Sabbath-school with their gentle teacher, Miss Mary Brainerd. She had for years a large class of little folk, and used often, after the opening exercises were over, to take them to her own home, where they spent a bright hour, then sped homeward bearing a tiny red book from the little library kept there.

But time would fail me to make mention of the many who have been instrumental in the upbuilding of Christian character here.

It is uncertain when the school first availed itself of the inspiration of a varied service of song. For a long time it seemed content with simply the opening hymn by the teachers and that sung in closing by the children.

Probably about 1853 a little song-book—"The Sabbath-school Hosanna"—was adopted; some years later this was replaced by the "Happy Voices." This was used until 1880, when Mr. Cephas Brainerd, always a warm supporter of the school, provided the song-book in use until this occasion—"Spiritual Songs for the Sunday-school"—which he to-day replaces by the gift of "In Excelsis for School and Chapel."

A library has been connected with the school since 1830, possibly longer, and has been a source of enjoyment and helpfulness. Mr. D. C. Hubbard was one of the earliest librarians.

In 1889, Mr. Owen B. Arnold presented fifty dollars

to be expended for new books, and at various times the funds of the school have been used for its replenishing. At present, access to the excellent town library lessens the importance of this part of the school's equipment.

Liberal contributions have been regularly made by the school to the work of foreign missions, and to Sunday-school work in the West and in our own State.

It is of interest to note that the school at its beginning had a teachers' meeting, held throughout the year at the house of Mr. Marsh, the pastor.

The teachers' meeting, which has been held weekly during the last twenty-seven years, has been of untold benefit to those who have availed themselves of its privileges. We recall the animated discussions, the flashes of wit, at some of these gatherings, when our pastor was surrounded by a group including Mrs. Rogers, Miss Martha E. Brainerd, Mrs. Ellen Brainerd, Mrs. Fannie Clark, Miss Mary E. Brainerd, and others, all intent on reaching the heart of the next Sabbath's lesson.

In 1870, "The Child's Scripture Question Book," "embellished with twenty-one engravings," was in use; the answers, as far as possible, were printed in the words of the Bible. Lesson II opens as follows:

> Who were Cain and Abel?
> The Sons of Adam.—Genesis iv: 1, 2.
> Of what did Cain make an offering to the Lord?
> Of the fruits of the ground, etc., etc.

In 1873 the International Lessons were adopted, and have been followed since that time.

What a marvelous gain this course has been to the school! The surroundings of the sacred story, the customs of the people, the geographical and historical set-

tings, the multiplicity of illustrations, the thoughts of greatest minds, and an almost bewildering array of helps, serve to make the Bible a living book to the pupils of to-day. How much greater the responsibility of the youth of 1900 than ever before! "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

Our oldest member,—Miss Larissa Shailer,—who bears with her an atmosphere of sunshine and serenity, and has just passed the hundredth milestone of her journey, looks back upon a century of wonderful progress and achievement.

Our youngest member,—Lucy Kelsey,—aged four, stands upon the threshold of a century full of possibilities.

What will it bring to the Sabbath-school of Haddam?

What will the Haddam Sabbath-school give to it?

THE EARLY SETTLERS AND THEIR HOMES

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IN 1614, Captain Adrian Blok and his crew of Dutchmen, in the ship *Onrest,* sailed up the Connecticut for fifty miles, and named the stream, in distinction from the saltish Hudson, "Fresh River." Then they sailed down the Sound and discovered Block Island, which to this day retains the old skipper's name. These were doubtless the first white men to set eyes upon the rugged hills of Haddam. Their discovery was twenty years before the settlements at Saybrook and about Hartford, six years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, and only seven years after the first permanent English settlement in America was planted at Jamestown, Virginia.

The present territory of Haddam and East Haddam was purchased from the Indians for a trifling amount by a committee of the Connecticut Colonial Legislature in May, 1662, or about one month after the signing by Charles II of the Charter of Connecticut. At that day, there were only about a dozen settlements along the Sound shore from Stonington to Greenwich, and about half as many more along the river above us to the Massachusetts line. Norwich had just been settled by a migration from Saybrook. All the rest of Connecticut was a wilderness, uninhabited by the white man. The new plantation of Thirty Mile Island was to form the con-

necting link between the settlements on the river and those on the Sound.

There were twenty-eight proprietors who took up the purchase and, with their wives and families, began to arrive here from Hartford and vicinity, in the summer of 1662, or soon after. They were (1) James Bates, Samuel Butler, William Corbee, Abraham Dibble, Samuel Gaines, John Hannison, Richard Jones, Stephen Luxford, John Parents, Richard Piper, Thomas Smith, Joseph Stannard, John Webb, and John Wiatt, fourteen of them, whose names and families were practically extinct in Haddam before 1700; and (2) Nicholas Ackley, Joseph Arnold, John Bailey, Daniel Brainerd, Thomas Brooks, William Clarke, Daniel Cone, George Gates, Thomas Shaylor, Gerrard Spencer and his son John Spencer, Simon Smith, William Ventres, and James Wells, fourteen of these last, all of whom now have descendants of their names in the original township, except James Wells, who has descendants, but not of the Wells name, that name having become extinct in Haddam with the death of Oliver Wells, Esq., in 1820.

Two settlements were formed, the larger, known as the Town Plot, extending along the old road from the southeastern end of Walkley Hill to the neighborhood of this church; the other, called the Lower Plantation, along the back road in what is now Shailerville, from Mill Creek nearly to the Baptist church. Wiatt, Jones, Ventres, Corbee, Shaylor, Bates, Hannison, Parents, Dibble, and Ackley settled at the Lower Plantation, in the order named, from Mill Creek south. The other proprietors, except Gaines and Webb, settled on the Town Plot.

At first all the land was owned in common. Soon after

the settlement, each proprietor was assigned a home lot, the record of which, in the town book, was evidence of his individual ownership in the property, and constituted his certificate of stock in the common enterprise. By successive allotments and grants during the next hundred and fifty years, most of the remaining lands passed into the hands of the individual inhabitants.

Desirable persons were admitted by vote of the town to the privileges of inhabitants, and were granted, accordingly, shares in the common proprietorship and allotments of land to their individual use. Undesirable persons were not allowed in town, as witness the following:

April 10th, 1673, "it was agreed by voate that John Sled and his wief should not be entertained in the towne as inhabitants or resedence and also Goodman Corbee was forewarned not to reseave him into his hows becose they weare not persones qualified according to Law."

January 1st, 1683; the townsmen [selectmen] were ordered "to warne frederick Elies and his wief to depart the towne by next march insueing."

A few enduring landmarks, like Wells Brook, the old burying-ground, the roads to the woods, "the parsonage lot forever," and Mill Creek, enable us, with the aid of the early records, to locate the first homes of the settlers with some degree of accuracy, and to say something about the occupants.

I think we must assume that there was a thoroughfare through the town before the settlement (only a cart-path, or perhaps a bridle-path, following an Indian trail), as otherwise Saybrook would have been for many years

without overland communication with the up-river towns. And this was probably the origin of the old "country road" through the Town Plot along which the proprietors built their first rude cabins.

On the Ephraim Pierson place, about where George W. Parmalee's house is, was the home of Samuel Butler, son of Deacon Richard Butler of Hartford, formerly of Cambridge. In 1667, Samuel was one of the important committee of three from Haddam appointed by the town "to treate with Sea Brooke men about ye bounds." The next year, he sold out his interests at Haddam to Richard Walkley of Hartford, and moved to Wethersfield, where he became a deacon of the church. The Walkley name has ever since been associated with that part of Haddam.

John Spencer, eldest son of Gerrard, dwelt next south of Butler, his lot extending to the brink of the hill overhanging the brook. Each of these two home lots extended from the highway to the river, and contained eight acres. John Spencer died young, before his father, and left what is known as a "narrative" or "nuncupative" will, probated at Hartford, then our county seat.

A seven-acre lot on the east side of the road, in the ravine where the brook runs, was laid out to James Wells, after whom the brook was named; but his house was half a mile away, near the present Academy lane. Before coming to Haddam (1650), he had lived with William Pynchon, the founder of Springfield. He was captain of militia in 1694. He died four years later, full of years and honors. His descendants were very prominent in this community for one and a half centuries, after which the family name became extinct within our borders.

As the "country road" reaches the summit of the ridge a few rods south of Wells Brook, we have a commanding view of the Town Plot as far south as the burying ground. Before us the ancient thoroughfare meanders along by the edge of the rising ground and up the hill to the court-house, as if it were following an Indian trail rather than a survey of the white man. On the left of it were the four-acre "home lots" of the settlers, fronting seven or eight rods on the road, and stretching northeasterly to the Great River. Opposite, on the rising ground to the right, were the three-acre "additional lots," corresponding.

On the next lot south of Wells's ravine, and opposite where we are now supposed to be standing, was the home of Thomas Brooks the blacksmith. Tradition says that his forge was opposite Harry Arnold's house, near the corner of the road which leads up the hill to the new watering-trough. Thomas is thought to have come over in the *Susan and Ellen* in 1635. He kept a hotel at New London in 1659. By his second wife, Alice Spencer, he became the father of Thomas Brooks the second deacon, and the grandfather of Thomas Brooks the fifth deacon, of this church. He died in 1668. The probate court ordered Mistress Alice to teach her son (the future deacon) how to read and write; his sisters how to read only. The homestead was inventoried at £35; the iron and brass in the smithy at £3; the guns and sword at £3. Five years later, the widow had become the second wife of Thomas Shaylor.

Stephen Luxford lived next south of Brooks, on the summit of the ridge. He died in 1676, fourteen years after the settlement, leaving a widow, but no children. His homestead, measuring eight rods in front and eighty rods deep, was inventoried at £18, and sold to William

Spencer. The high knoll in his additional lot, west of the road, land now owned by Mr. Cephas Brainerd, was called "Luxford Hill" within the memory of the oldest inhabitants of former years.

The next home lot to Luxford's, reserved at first for the blacksmith, was given by the town in 1667 to John Elderkin of Norwich, upon his agreement to build a grist-mill, as the town was in "greate nasesity" for the same, and was too poor to build one. Elderkin sold this lot next year to Peter Blatchford of New London, after whose early death it became the property of Daniel Cone. John Elderkin was a celebrated master-builder and contractor in his day. He was great-grandfather of Rev. Dr. Joshua Elderkin, pastor of the church from 1749 to 1753.

Just south of the "blacksmith lot," and next to the old highway which leads down to the "White House Landing," was the lot reserved for the first minister who should settle here. Our second minister, Rev. Nicholas Noyes, was admitted to the privileges of an inhabitant (1669), and was granted the rights appurtenant to this lot. It is uncertain whether a house was ever erected upon it. In the southwest corner of the fence, where the road turns toward the river, may still be seen the top stones of an ancient well. Who dug it, or how many generations have used it, we do not know.

On the south side of the river road was "the parsonage lot forever." It remained in the control of the town, and of its successor, the first ecclesiastical society, for nearly two centuries, when, in 1859, it was leased by the society for nine hundred and ninety-nine years to the father and brother of the late Mr. Zechariah Brainerd. The fine old parsonage was burned a few years ago.

Gerrard Spencer, the patriarch of the community, had his dwelling just opposite the site of the present house of Captain Parmalee. He was at Cambridge in 1634; later at Lynn, where he was granted a ferry in 1639; six times a member for Haddam in the General Court, and ensign of the Haddam "trayne band" in King Philip's war. The descendants of his six sons and as many daughters are numbered by the tens of thousands. From his daughter Hannah are descended all the Brainerds; from Mehitable, all the Cones; from Alice, all the Brookses and some of the Shailers; from Elizabeth, the numerous Stannard family of Westbrook; and from Ruth, who married Joseph Clarke, many of that name.

Ensign Spencer died in 1685. In his will, dated September, 1683, we read: "A pewter flaggon and a rim bason, I give unto the church at Haddam, if there be one within five years after the date hereof." Although the church was not formally organized within the time limited by this bequest, it is believed that the ancient flagon now owned by the church is the Gerrard Spencer gift, and is probably the only visible possession of ours which links the present occasion with the very beginnings of our history.

The homestead of Goodman Thomas Smith was bounded northwesterly by that of Gerrard Spencer, and on the opposite side by that of John Bailey, so that it reached southwesterly to the line of Harry Arnold's present house lot. Thomas was evidently without wife or near relatives in his last days, and so he remembered his friends and neighbors. An extract from his will, dated September 22, 1674, the year of his death, will make more real to us the fact that these men and women once lived, and passed up and down these streets:

As for my estate that God hath given me, I dispose of it as followeth: I give my home lot, orchard, and fence about it to the wife of John Baley, and to her children after her. . . . I give to the wife of Daniel Brainwood all my household stuffe and movables that by this will are not otherwise disposed of, and my hay to Daniel Brainwood. I give my tobacco to James Wells. I give my steers to Nicholas Noyes. I give my corn and my grain to John Smith. I give my hog to John Baley, sr. I give my turnips equally amongst James Wells, Daniel Cone, Joseph Stannard and John Baley. I give what Timothy Spencer oweth me to Daniel Cone. I also make John Baley, sr. and Daniel Brainwood my executors to see this my will fulfilled and to take care of my burial on which I would have forty shillings expended, thirty of which I would have John Baley allow out of what is given him, and Daniel Brainwood the other ten shillings. I give my cloathes to Steven Luxford.

One of the witnesses was Rev. Nicholas Noyes. He probably drafted the will, as in those days the ministers frequently performed such services.

John Bailey's house-lot included the land now occupied by the houses of Harry Arnold and O. S. Bailey. He had been constable at Hartford in 1656. Two of his sons, John and Nathaniel, settled in the Town Plot, or near by. Benjamin, the other son, settled and had a mill near the falls on Higganum River. Descendants had located at Ponset as early as 1690, and the Bailey name has been found most frequently since that time in the northerly and westerly parts of the township.

Deacon Daniel Brainerd's home lot was opposite the road which leads westerly up the hill, and extended southerly to the line of fence which now indicates O. S. Bailey's southern boundary. His additional lot across the way reached up the hill and included the land where Mrs. Zechariah Brainerd's house is situated, and a portion of Dr. Hazen's homestead.

Deacon Brainerd was ancestor of so many of us, and was so closely identified with the formation and early history of this church, that a few words about his family will not be out of place.

Of his seven sons, Deacon Daniel, Jr., and Joshua were among the first settlers from the west side in East Haddam. This was about 1685. Settlers from Saybrook and elsewhere were living on the east side some ten or fifteen years earlier. Creek Row, where the settlement began, is the locality on the hill back of the old Cove burying ground, or, generally speaking, that portion of East Haddam which can be seen from Haddam Street.

Of the deacon's other sons, James settled in Haddam near the center, Elijah in Candlewood Hill district, Hezekiah between Walkley Hill and Higganum, and Caleb somewhere on the west side of the river. William settled on the Neck between the foot of Quarry Hill and the house of Mr. Cyprian S. Brainerd; his son Samuel, at Brainerd Hill, beyond Higganum. Hannah, the deacon's only daughter, was wife of Deacon Thomas Gates of East Haddam, and had a large family. There were about seventy-five grandchildren of Deacon Daniel, of whom more than sixty were of the Brainerd name, and the large majority of them were boys. It is recorded by Rev. Elijah Brainerd (1757–1828), a grandson of our Deacon Elijah, that, April 6, 1786, there were computed to have been twenty-two hundred descendants of Deacon Daniel Brainerd; and that was only seventy-one years after Deacon Daniel's death.

Although Deacon Brainerd lived more than fifty years after the settlement, his headstone inscription in the old burying ground is the earliest of any inhabitant, and the only one of an original proprietor which has come

down to our day. Rev. Jeremiah Hobart, who died a few months later than the deacon, also has a monument to his memory. The earliest inscription is that of Edward Shipman, a resident of Chester, near "Shipman's Pond," who died in 1711, and was brought here for burial, apparently for the reason that our burying-ground was nearer his home than was the one at Saybrook Point. For eighty years this was the only burying-place in Haddam on this side of the river. The yard at Higganum was laid out in 1741; the one at Ponset in 1761; and the one at Tylerville in 1782.

Daniel Cone's "home lot," next south of Deacon Brainerd's, was too uneven near the highway for building purposes, and so at an early date we find his house located on the lot laid out for the blacksmith, next to Luxford's. He died, probably at East Haddam, in 1706, aged eighty years. Of his four sons, three moved to East Haddam, the eldest having married a daughter of George Gates.

Joseph Stannard at first built on his "additional lot," opposite his "home lot," about where the little red cottage stands near the foot of Pound Hill. Later, he had a house farther down the street near the first meeting-house, and another near Mill Creek. About 1683, he moved with his family to Westbrook, where his descendants have been numerous.

Simon Smith's house was on the ridge to the east of the road, about twenty-five rods north of the burying-ground, the land being next to Stannard's. He was grandfather of Joseph Smith, ninth deacon of this church, and was ancestor of all the Haddam Smiths who trace their lineage to the settlement of the town.

William Clarke was Simon Smith's southerly neigh-

bor. His "home lot" and first dwelling-place was on the east side of the highway, just north of the burying-ground. His home at the time of his death in 1681 was probably on his lot back of the court-house, about where the C. T. Russell homestead is. In 1669, William Clarke was the special commissioner of Haddam to the General Court as to the boundary dispute with Saybrook, with power to employ counsel if necessary. He was also one of the building committee of our first meeting-house. He was the ancestor of the Clarks now living in the central, western, and northern parts of Haddam, and on Haddam Neck. His sons Thomas and Joseph remained in Haddam, John settled in Middletown, and William in Wethersfield. The Clarks of Turkey Hill and the neighborhood of Clark's Creek in Tylerville are descended from Major John Clark, of Hartford, Saybrook, and Milford, who is named as one of the patentees in the Charter of Charles II to Connecticut, in 1662.

George Gates, the magistrate, had his house-lot opposite Captain Russell's and in front of the burying-ground, the northeast corner being about where the court-house stands. The main street now cuts across the corner and takes the whole front of the lot for highway purposes. The front part of Gates's four-acre lot on the east side of the country road and next to William Clarke's was given up to the town for an enlargement of the burying-ground. George Gates was the leading public man of the town, having been captain of the train-band, first selectman for many years, the first town clerk, twenty-two times representative, and a leader of the movement to have East Haddam set off as a separate society. Many of the early land conveyances were drawn

and witnessed by him. Having spent his active life here, he went in his old age to live with his sons, all of whom had moved to Creek Row in East Haddam, and there he died about 1725, in his ninetieth year, being the last survivor of the twenty-eight original proprietors.

Joseph Arnold, son of John and Susannah Arnold of Hartford, and father of Joseph Arnold the third deacon of this church, came to Haddam at the beginning, but subsequently resided in Hartford for a few years. The front of his original home lot was given back to the town for a burying-ground, in exchange for another home lot taken out of the common land and located, it is believed, a few rods southerly of the present county jail. His first dwelling seems to have been on his additional lot, near the Field Park entrance. He was probably settled on the second lot at the date of the following town vote, December 7, 1667:

> It was agreed and voted by the inhabitants that the settled place where the meeting house shall be built is at the front of the minister's lot in the little meadow lying against the end of the home lot of Joseph Arnold that now he dwells in.

As late as 1690, both Joseph Arnold and his wife, Elizabeth Wakeman, were members of the church in Hartford. He died at Haddam in 1691, and his widow became the second wife of Deacon Daniel Brainerd.

Richard Piper's home lot was about opposite the present stone store, and his "home meadow" included the lot where the post-office stands. James Wells dwelt opposite Piper's home meadow. Piper was a man of action, dealt in real estate, was constable, on the committee for laying out highways (about 1671) and establishing the town bounds, and representative in 1674. He was in

litigation with Thomas Dunk of Saybrook in 1675. At his death, April 3, 1678, he left a will, but mentioned no wife or children.

The territory between the Town Plot and Mill Creek was occupied very soon after the settlement by the homes of the newly arriving inhabitants and of the children of the proprietors. Among the earliest residents in this section may be mentioned Joseph Arnold, Joseph Stannard, Rev. Nicholas Noyes, some of the younger generation of Clarkes, and sons of Gerrard Spencer. Here our first meeting-house was built about 1674, which was for nearly half a century the only house of public worship between Middletown and Saybrook Point. Its location was near the two large maple-trees now standing near the southwest corner of the dooryard of Mrs. Austin S. Clark.

The first grist-mill in town, built by Elderkin of Norwich about 1668, was located on Mill River, and gave the stream its name. The same year, Elderkin sold to Peter Blatchford "my corne mill that is now built." Blatchford had previously lived at New London, and had been granted land there for his valuable services in the Pequot War. George Gates and he were Haddam's first two representatives to the General Court, 1670. At his death in 1671, the mill passed into the hands of James Bates.

June 13, 1671, Mr. Bates was given permission by the town to make a dam on Mill River for "penning the water." July 28, 1677, James Bates, yeoman, of Haddam, and Hannah his wife, for £60 sell to Simon Lynde, merchant, of Boston, "our corne mill standing upon the riveret or mill river in Haddam." May 16, 1690, Benjamin Lynde, student at Harvard College, sells his mill

and mill rights, "including the implements in the ruins of said mill," on Mill River in Haddam, to Samuel Hough of Saybrook, millwright. In 1695, the town gave Joseph Rogers the privilege of putting up a saw-mill at the end of his grist-mill. In 1669, the town voted that every Monday shall be the day for every one to carry his corn to mill to grind. All these records doubtless refer to the same mill site. In 1678, a saw-mill privilege in Higganum was granted by the town.

In studying the map of the Lower Plantation, it must be borne in mind that the turnpike road from Shailerville school-house northerly by the railroad station to the County Home was not opened until about 1802, and that the earliest dwellings were built along the "old road," which continued to be the only thoroughfare through that settlement for about one hundred and forty years.

John Wiatt's homestead comprised a tract of thirty acres extending from Mill River southeasterly to a line about half-way between the houses of Martha and Ezekiel Shailer, and from the Country Road to the Great River. Wiatt had previously lived at Windsor and at Farmington. After his death in 1668, the homestead was sold to James Bates and William Ventres. The widow and her children moved to Hartford. The youngest son, Israel Wiatt, afterward settled in Colchester.

The earliest landing-place of record in Haddam was established by vote of the town, April 9, 1667, at the mouth of the creek, then called "Beaver Brooke" (no mill having yet been established on the stream); and a convenient highway was to lead from the landing through the land of John Wiatt to the common highway.

The home of Richard Jones, formerly of Farmington,

was next to Wiatt's. His home lot and others south of it were long strips of land containing eight acres, fronting about twenty to thirty rods on the highway, and extending to the Great River. Jones died in 1670, leaving a son, who died young, and two daughters, who married elsewhere. Haddam's earliest tax abatement of record dates from 1671, when it was voted "that the town will forgive the widow Jones her towne rate that is behind of last yeare." John Chappell bought the Jones home lot, but soon sold it to Thomas Spencer, a son of Gerrard, who afterward moved to Saybrook and was the ancestor of the Saybrook and Westbrook Spencers. Chappell returned to Lyme. The portion of the Jones homestead now owned by Ezekiel Shailer has been in the Shailer name continuously since 1689.

William Ventres, from Farmington, sergeant of the Haddam train-band in King Philip's war, owned the next homestead, which has continued in the Ventres name until recent years, and is now occupied by Mrs. Behn, except the small portion owned by Carlos J. Ventres, and a small piece of land on which the blacksmith shop is located. William Ventres died July 2, 1701, aged seventy-eight years.

The dwelling-houses of Chester Case, Orrin Shailer, and Israel Shailer are on land which was originally the homestead of Goodman William Corbee, the innkeeper. Corbee died in 1674, leaving a family of small children, of whom Samuel afterward married Mary Crippen and settled in East Haddam; the rest moved away.

On the hillside near the woods, a few rods southwesterly of John O. Brainerd's dwelling, may be seen the remains of an ancient cellar. It is pointed out as the location of the house of the emigrant Thomas Shaylor,

from whom all the Shailers in America are supposed to have descended. The second Shailer house was on the east side of the road, a little below the first, and within a stone's throw of the old chestnut-tree under which Grandma Susannah Cone Shailer spread a luncheon for the soldiers in the time of the Revolution. The well of the second house, across the road from it, is still visible.

Thomas was a sea captain, and there is good authority for the statement that he came from Stratford-on-Avon, the home of Shakspere, although the Shailer name has been a common one in the Hadhams of Hertfordshire for centuries. He lived here for a few years after the settlement, and then moved to Killingworth, now Clinton, for a few years more, after which he returned to Haddam. In 1692, he sailed away for the West Indies, never to return. Twenty years afterward, administration was granted to his sons Thomas and Timothy upon the estate of their father, "supposed to be deceased." Another son, Abel, moved to Bolton in this State and had a large family.

James Bates's homestead was the land occupied in our day by the homes of Elders Simon and Davis and Deacon Russell Shailer. He formerly lived at Dorchester, and at Hempstead, L. I. The records refer to him as "Mr. Bate." He had crossed the ocean repeatedly, and was evidently a man of considerable property, of large experience, and highly respected. He was chairman of the committee for building our first meeting-house, and represented Haddam eight times in the General Court. His daughter Hannah was the first Haddam child whose record of baptism has come down to us. It reads as follows:

First Church, Middletown, March 7, 1669. Being the Lord's Day, Hannah Bate daughter to Mr. Bate of Thirty Mile Island (al[i]as Haddum) Mrs. Bate being a member of and in full Communion with the Church of Christ at Dorchester received the Initiatory Seale of ye Covenant by virtue of Communion of Churches.

Mr. Bates died about 1692, and his family moved to other places.

The homestead right of John Hannison was next south of the Elder Davis Shailer place, and included land now covered by the dwellings of Captain Franklin O. Tyler and Mrs. Smith Gilbert. Hannison was in Springfield in 1661, before coming to Haddam. In 1686, he sold his homestead to John Scovil of Waterbury, and moved to Hartford. There are pasture lots on the hill to the westward, which descended from Hannison to his son-in-law James Hadlock, which are known as "Hadlock" in Shailerville to this day. The family name of Hannison has also been preserved, in the shortened form of "Hanson," in the Bates family, with whom the Hannisons intermarried.

John Parents's home lot extended from the brook of Mrs. Asa Shailer's to the north line of William Ely's. Parents died July 8, 1686, his only children being two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, who married Abel and Timothy Shailer. Distinguished among their descendants are John Fitch the inventor, and Professor Nathaniel Southgate Shaler of Harvard University.

Abraham Dibble was a man of prominence in the new settlement. He represented Haddam on the committees for settlement of the boundary disputes with Saybrook and Lyme. It is supposed that he moved to Suffield, and died there in 1690. The Westbrook Dib-

bles are said to be his descendants, probably through a son Jonah, who, Dr. Field says, was a settler in Chester from Haddam in 1692. From the record, at Middletown, of a Dibble child baptized while the family was living in Haddam in 1671–72, it appears that Mrs. Dibble was then a member of the church at Farmington. Richard Piper bought Dibble's homestead, 1673, and lived there till he died. By Piper's will, the place was given to John Kinard, a son-in-law of Gerrard Spencer. The houses of William Ely and Charles Scovil are on the same land.

Nicholas Ackley of Hartford is named as one of the original proprietors, but did not come to Haddam till about 1667, when he was assigned about fourteen acres at the southern end of the Lower Plantation, part of which is now occupied by the home of Captain Adrian Shaler. Ackley died there in 1695, leaving several sons, all of whom moved to the east side of the river. The homestead was bought by James Ray of Narragansett, in 1698.

John Bates, of Stratford in 1669, possibly a brother of James, moved to Haddam about 1672, and bought of Thomas Shailer a six-acre lot adjoining the lower side of the Ackley homestead. At a later date he settled near Roaring Brook, where his descendants lived in considerable numbers for a century and a half. August 14, 1693, for thirty-five shillings and six pence, Nicholas Noyes, "minister of the gospel at Salem," sells to John Bates of Haddam fifteen acres of upland, abutting east on lands of Edward Purple, south on Roaring Brook, west on Country Road, and north on common land—that is, land in front of the Tylerville school-house.

There were a saw-mill and grist-mill on this land a century ago, and there is an old house there now which was built by the Bateses. The locality was known as "Bates's Mills" as late as 1800. The Bates family and name have now wholly disappeared from the neighborhood.

We have now located the home lots of all the twenty-eight proprietors except two, Samuel Gaines and John Webb. If either of them ever lived in Haddam, it was very early and for only a brief period. Webb was assigned land which he sold early to Richard Piper. He may have been the progenitor of the Webbs of Chester.

The home lot next south of Corbee's, opposite the site of the first Shailer house already referred to, first appears of record in the name of Thomas Richeson. A man of this name left Farmington about the same time with Wiatt, Jones, and Ventres, and afterward settled and died in Waterbury. The same land is referred to in the will of the second Thomas Shailer, 1753, as his "Gaines lot." The supposition is that the land was first allotted to Gaines, and by him sold to Richeson, who sold it to Shailer. Gaines died in Glastonbury in 1700.

Among the other residents on the west side of the river whose names appear of record within the first forty years after the settlement, may be mentioned: Rev. Jonathan Willoughby and Rev. John James; William Porter; John Blackleach; Peter Miles the tailor; Edward Scovil, yeoman; Andrew Benton; Benjamin Scovil, tailor, who moved to East Haddam about 1715; Edward Purple, who lived near Rutty's Creek and owned large tracts of land in the lower end of the town; and Samuel Ingham and John Conners, whose homes were between Clark's Creek and Saybrook (now Chester) line.

The only churches in what is now Middlesex County, organized prior to our own, were Old Saybrook, 1646; Killingworth (now Clinton), 1667; and Middletown, 1668. From the organization of the church at Middletown, in 1668, to the installation of Mr. Hobart as pastor of the Haddam church, November 14, 1700, a period of thirty-two years, about twenty-five Haddam families had about fifty of their children baptized at Middletown, which appear of record. The records indicate that the parents were connected with different churches, as follows:

Eight with the church at Lynn, being of the Gerrard Spencer family; seven with the first church of Hartford; six with the first church at Middletown; three with the church at Haddam; two with the church at Dorchester; and one each with the churches at Farmington, Stratford, Saybrook, New London, and Hadley.

Dr. Field estimates the number of families in Haddam at the date of its incorporation, in 1668, at about thirty, all living on the west side of the river. At the time our church was organized, about 1696, there may have been sixty families on the west side of the river, and half as many more in East Haddam.

ADDRESS

Rev. WILLIAM A. BRONSON

I DESIRE to express my thanks for the honor shown me by the pastor of this church in extending an invitation to unite with you on this anniversary occasion,—the bicentennial celebration of this church.

I had expected an invitation to my church, and had there been none, I had planned to present a form of resolutions to our people and to send greetings. But it was unnecessary, for the pastor's letter ran thus: "Will you bring greeting from your church? You seem so thoroughly one of us that the occasion would be incomplete without your address."

The kindness thus expressed laid upon me an obligation—and not only so, gives me great pleasure—to bring my own greetings and that of my church; indeed, I should have done my church great injustice had I refused, which I could not have done.

Then I said how can I better express our greeting than in the words of the grand old Apostle John in sending greeting to the elders,—"Unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not only I, but also all they that have known the truth."

To this elect lady, now two hundred years old, without a wrinkle on her brow, and with undimmed vision, I bring greeting from a sister church. We present our congratulations to her children for her health, vigor,

influence, and power; for her history of helpfulness and long-continued service to her exalted head; for her sacrifices and benevolence during the two centuries of her life.

We are reminded at this period of her life, and on this occasion, of the words of the prophet: "The fathers, where are they, and the prophets, do they live forever?" and the answer is: "Though dead, they yet speak to us; they live in their influence and the work they wrought—in the mission fields of the past. They builded better than they knew, and have bequeathed to their children the inestimable heritage of a Christian church."

They were strong in their faith, in prayer and consecration, and in their sacrifices. You have a monument that has defied the tooth of time and the wear of centuries,—the Church of God, the pillar and the ground of the truth.

It has been often said, and sometimes in sarcasm, that religion is declining, and that the church is losing its power; but no greater mistake was ever made, for at no period in the history of the church has Christianity had a greater influence or the church greater power than now at this period, and the beginning of the third century of this church's life.

We do well to remember that power exhibits itself under two distinct forms—strength and force—each possessing qualities and each perfect in its own sphere. Strength is typified by the oak, the rock, the mountain. Force embodies itself in the tempest, the cataract, and the thunderbolt. It is under the former we find the power of the church and Christianity. The oak, its roots buried in the centuries; the oak, with its branches spreading out, giving shelter and shade. The rock, im-

movable, solid. The mountain towering aloft as the landmark through the ages. This illustrates this church. Two centuries of Christian and social life; her influence, like rootlets, going forth; her mission to give hope and shelter and salvation.

We congratulate the distinguished lady on account of the ministry, and for the long service of her present pastor, and pray he may long continue to break with you the Bread of Life.

And last, we bring you greeting and congratulate you on the receipt of so magnificent a gift, from one who not only is a friend to this church, but a distinguished member of this faith, in memory of his father, who in the long ago led the choir,—a fitting memorial gift. It will be a source of great pleasure to the giver, in the days to come, to listen to this king of instruments, while the voice of his father will seem to speak to him through these pipes, as the skilful fingers of the organist sweep the keys.

Permit me, then, in closing to present once more our greetings on this happy anniversary, thanking you for the honor bestowed on me, and assuring you that the prayers of myself and the church I represent will ascend to God for your peace and prosperity.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE

CEPHAS BRAINERD

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Yielding, as I do, to the too kind invitation of the committee having this anniversary in charge, I undertake the duty of presiding.

I think you will readily understand why these services anticipate by a few weeks the actual date of the installing of our first pastor, November 14, 1700.

It would not be becoming for me to occupy your time with extended observations, when we consider the program which we have before us.

What has been accomplished in these two hundred years will appear with some fullness in what you are to hear from those named on the program, and did to some extent appear in the addresses which were delivered on Sunday last.

We all know, I am sure, what the church is, and many have a realizing sense of what it has accomplished. There is, however, much to be told and much to make our hearts glad and fill them with gratitude, and we have a right to hope much for the future.

In June, 1851, Dr. Horace Bushnell delivered at New Britain, at the opening of a State Normal School, a most interesting and powerful address entitled "Historical Estimate" of Connecticut. It attracted great attention at the time, and it contained, among other

things, the following charming forecast for the State of which we are a part:

How beautiful is the attitude of our little State, when seen through the medium of facts like these. Unable to carry weight by numbers, she is seen marching out her sons to conquer other posts of influence and represent her honor in other fields of action. Which, if she continues to do, if she takes the past simply as a beginning, and returns to that beginning with a fixed determination to make it simply the germ of a higher and more perfect culture, there need scarcely be a limit to the power she may exert as a member of the republic. The smallness of our territory is an advantage even, as regards the highest form of social development and the most abundant fruits of genius. Our State, under a skilful and sufficient agriculture, with a proper improvement of our waterfalls, is capable of sustaining a million of people in a condition of competence and social ornament; and that is a number as large as any State government can manage with the highest effect. No part of our country between the two oceans is susceptible of greater external beauty. What now looks rough and forbidding in our jagged hillsides and our raw beginnings of culture, will be softened, in the future landscape, to an ornamental rock-work, skirted by fertility, pressing out in the cheeks of the green dells where the farm-houses are nested, bursting up through the waving slopes of the meadows, and walling the horizon about with wooded hills of rock and pastured summits. We have pure, transparent waters, a clear, bell-toned atmosphere, and, withal, a robust, healthy-minded stock of people, uncorrupted by luxury, unhumiliated by superstition, sharpened by good necessities, industrious in their habits, simple in their manners and tastes, rigid in their morals and principles; combining, in short, all the higher possibilities of character and genius in a degree that will seldom be exceeded in any people of the world. These are the mines, the golden *placers* of Connecticut. Turning now to these as our principal hope for the future, let us endeavor, with a fixed and resolute concentration of our public aim, to keep the creative school-house in action, and raise our institutions of learning to the highest pitch of excellence.

I could not think, as a young man reading this at the time of its publication, that it ever could be realized, and that I was to live to see the prophecy and the picture realized; but to-day we live in the midst of the prophecy accomplished. The late census returns show that the State has practically reached its million inhabitants as foretold by Dr. Bushnell. I am sure you will agree that in its beauty, in its scenery, in the prosperity of its people, it realizes substantially what then seemed to me to be a wild dream.

Now when you have heard all that will be said to-day in regard to the part which our State and our town have borne in this advance, I shall wish to ask you if you do not believe, as I do, that the prophecy is realized, and that our town and our church have alike borne their part in procuring this realization.

I shall also want to put to you this single practical question, what are you going to do in the future to maintain the standard reached to-day?

The first in order upon the program will be some responses from the pastors of the churches which have grown out of our own; and the first is the church at East Haddam, which was founded only eight years later than ours.

One of the earlier pastors I have a distinct recollection of, the Rev. Isaac Parsons, for he preached in the old church in this town the first sermon to which I ever listened, upon the text:

"And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness. . . ."

I take great pleasure in presenting to you the Rev. Francis Parker, the present pastor of that church.

OUR DAUGHTERS: EAST HADDAM, 1704

Rev. FRANCIS PARKER

I RESPOND in behalf of a daughter and two granddaughters of this the mother church upon "ye east side of ye brode river."

The daughter, the first church in East Haddam, was organized in 1704, and is now one hundred and ninety-six years old. The two granddaughters are the church in Millington, organized in 1736, now one hundred and sixty-four years old; and the church in Hadlyme, organized in 1745, and now one hundred and fifty-five years old.

They have returned to the old home, to assist in wiping the dust from the earlier picture of the dear mother church, to retouch and reframe it, and to hold it up to view, that all may love and admire her ability, her faithfulness, and her work. They feel it to be a precious experience when those who have been fostered here can come home to rejoice with the faithful ones whose lot it has been to "stay by the stuff." There seems to be a special blessing when the reunion is held in behalf of an ancient church of God. The very walls are baptized, and the atmosphere beats with the hovering love of a mother over those who are inheriting the prayers of the past. Think of the prayers which have been offered by this church in the quaint phrase of the fathers, that God would bless his own Zion. Is it not clear that there

is an accumulation of spiritual energy in a church that has been permitted to testify for her Lord and Saviour for two hundred years?

We honor the noble men and women who laid the foundations of our sacred heritage. They were animated with high purposes. They adorned their lives with the eternal principles of truth and righteousness.

We can look back with pride to the rock whence we were hewn.

We are fortunate that these ancestors of ours were men and women who believed in God and his sacred Word, in freedom and in knowledge. They were people of so strong a conviction, so determined a purpose that their influence has come down to our time, has been the germinal principle of our American institutions, leavening the great mass of the nation.

These ancestors in the beloved mother church had faith in God, and they showed it not only by words, but by deeds. It was like that of Abraham, "who was called to go out to a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, and went not knowing whither he went, and he sojourned there as in a strange country." Let us never forget that these devoted men and women left happy homes in Old England, ancestral fields lying fair among the hills and valleys of that land of comfort. They left them for an unknown country, hard and cold; for an ungrateful soil, for hunger and privation; and this they did that they might build up a purer and better form of religion than was permitted them to have at home. They believed the humblest Christian was equal to the highest, because for each one Christ had died; because each one was loved of God; because each one was heir, through faith in Christ Jesus, to an eternal sal-

vation. They wished to establish this ideal brotherhood and make it real. They saw before them the vision of a divine church, full of peace and truth, wherein every one should draw near to God without fear, as his own heart, guided by the Holy Spirit, prompted him. This faith was capable of sacrifices; it was no luxury of devotion wrapped in soft Elysian airs. They were fellow-workers with God, carrying out his high designs for the redemption of humanity.

These noble men and women believed also in freedom. But they did not seek freedom for its own end, but for the sake of something beyond. Freedom is not an end, but a means. He alone can become really free who has an aim, a conviction, a purpose, and who puts aside all obstacles and barriers in order to reach it. Our fathers sought freedom, and put the Atlantic between themselves and oppression. The free institutions of this country in which we rejoice were established that we might have honest government, justice for all, equal rights and opportunities for life and happiness.

They also believed in knowledge. The wonderful system of common and public schools which has spread from New England over the whole Union, taking in all ranks and classes, all races and sects, is one of those vast phenomena which make less impression upon us, because so constant and so universal. There are two great forces in this country which work at the roots of society; one is the free church, the other the free school. This voluntary system has covered the land with churches and schools freely supported by the people.

The spirit of these men and women was also constructive. They came here to build. They had faith in a better future. They desired to lay at least the cor-

ner-stone of better institutions. This constructive spirit has passed into the national mind and heart. It shows itself in the remarkable spirit of invention and discovery which is a peculiar characteristic of the American mind. It appears in the innumerable societies founded to carry out all sorts of reforms—political, social, educational, philanthropic, religious.

What a great blessing it is to have a good ancestry—godly, just, honorable; men and women whom we can look back to with love and respect, and feel proud when we think of them. Those who belong to a noble race are bound by stronger obligations than others to live noble lives themselves.

In this spirit thy children and grandchildren come to thee, dear venerable mother church. No one can estimate too highly thy value.

For such an ancient country church we will ever have a reverence that increases with the passing years. Thou hast been a fountain of blessing beyond human computation for our land.

The simple and strong and massive faith in God and his redeeming Christ, in which thou wast gathered in the beginning, has made thee to stand as a tower in Zion, a fortress of spiritual strength, supplying direction and protection to the whole civil and social life around thee.

Every virtue which gives stability and true grandeur to the nation, has been fostered by thee from generation to generation.

Established chiefly that thou mightest lift up before men the Christ in whom stands our salvation and hope of eternal life, and that thou mightest draw men unto

him, thou hast been blest of God in being made to many the gate of heaven.

We cherish these hallowed memories, and hold in honor those who, having faithfully served God in his earthly church, have now passed on into the far larger and more glorious church gathered around the Christ enthroned on high.

God bless thee, dear mother church, in thy renewed beauty and all the loyal and loving hearts that gather around thee to-day to rejoice in that beauty. May the new century yield larger and better results than the two that are past. "The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

OUR DAUGHTERS: HADDAM NECK, 1740

HENRY M. SELDEN

THE Church of Middle Haddam, organized in 1740, greets the parent church: for the growth temporal and spiritual, for the good accomplished, for the sowing and ingathering of many harvests, for the long-continued and the present life, we congratulate you.

The first pastor of the Middle Haddam church was Benjamin Bowers, a man of God and greatly beloved by his charge. His successor was Benjamin Boardman, who, considering the causes that culminated in the Revolution, was just the man for the times. He early responded to the call to arms, and doubtless led others to go with him, for seventeen men from the single street leading northward from the church entered the Revolutionary service. He was chaplain of a cavalry troop at Roxbury during the occupancy of Boston by the British, and was called by the enemy, on account of his powerful voice, the "Great Gun of the Gospel."

David Selden, born on my home farm, was the third pastor, and an exception to the proverb as to a prophet in his own country, for he had the unwavering affection of his people during the entire period of his long pastorate of over thirty-nine years. His wife was Cynthia May, a daughter of your pastor Eleazer May, whose grandson, Rev. Dr. Munger, will soon address you. As the beloved pastor was about to enter the pulpit, his hand

rested habitually for a moment, as if in blessing, upon the head of the boy sitting nearest on a long bench in front of the pulpit, and consequently a strife among the little fellows for the coveted seat was settled by their taking turns. To the poor he was a loving father, inviting them often to his table, and in their need they received from his house and farm. At funerals he began his discourse by saying, "I wish to put myself in sympathy with the afflicted family." In this he was successful, and his services on such occasions were in frequent demand outside of his parish. He died suddenly, in full health, apparently; each household throughout the parish feeling as if one from their own home had been taken. To illustrate the general grief, I need only allude to yours when your beloved pastor, James L. Wright, was also called home.

The fourth pastor was Charles Bentley, whose impetuous delivery was described as "like the dumping of stone from a cart, carrying all before it." In his pastorate occurred the greatest revival in the history of the church. He was succeeded by Stephen A. Loper, later the pastor of the church at Higganum. Other pastors following were William Case, Samuel Moseley, Philo Judson, and James C. Houghton. At the retirement of the last named, a division in the church resulted in the formation of the Second Church of Middle Haddam, in 1855, at Cobalt. The tenth pastor was William S. Wright, a worthy brother of your James. Next came James Kilbourne, and last at the second house of worship, Benjamin B. Hopkinson, our third Benjamin. After the retirement of Mr. Hopkinson, the church was long without a pastor, and only occasional meetings were held.

The first house of worship, erected in 1744, was located near the old cemetery at the southern end of Hog Hill. It was abandoned in 1811. The second structure was dedicated in 1813, and continued in use until the erection of the present church on Haddam Neck in 1874.

In conclusion, we have numbered many noble and good men and women, among whom were Deacons Ezra Brainerd and Edward Root, and Almira F. Brainerd. If you have any like the last named, thank God for it, and aid such for good.

OUR DAUGHTERS: HIGGANUM, 1844

Rev. WILLIAM J. TATE

SOMEWHERE we have read of a little village nestling among the hills of Switzerland, which had no special charm nor beauty of its own. But once in each day, for a few minutes in every twenty-four hours, the little town was transfigured, and kirk and manse and humble cottage alike were bathed in the sunglow. So we come to-day to this loved church and see her aglow in radiant beauty.

These two hundred years of her life, how glorious in spiritual significance, each filled with fragrance of sacrifice, as the alabaster box of old, very precious; each also of these silent years speaking to us of the changeless Christ, who was present at the founding of this church, and who is with her on this bicentennial day. It gives me very great pleasure, in behalf of the Higganum church, which, about two miles away, as a city which cannot be hid, rises up, mother, to call thee blessed; to extend her felicitations and gratulations to the Haddam church, now completing two hundred years of life and service for our common Master.

We congratulate you for your past; for the noble cloud of witnesses to the faith in Jesus, who compass us about as we with patience run the race that is set before us; for your past achievements; for mighty deeds wrought for God and with God; for souls regenerated, sanctified, edified, transformed by the Holy Spirit's

presence here. We congratulate you on your present. The past is glorious. We are reaping what others have sown, and gathering what others have strewn. We are building on foundations others have laid, but the building is still growing unto God. Jesus once said, "Other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors," and when the day of final reward shall come, every one in his place—men and women, young men and maidens, and little children, too all who have helped to make this church what it is—not one of them shall fail to receive his own reward and crown; and this day will mean little for us, unless we see that it is our present duty to gather up all the wealth and wisdom of the experience of the past and adapt it to the needs and emergencies of the present. Then there is the joy of the future, when the reaper and the sower shall alike rejoice together; to this joy we all look forward.

There is coming an even more joyous jubilee, a more beautiful Harvest Home, a more notable feast, through the mercy of our Lord; and may this historic church, in the spirit of increasing religious interest, in present strength, in glowing anticipations and hopes for the future, move forward till all sit down at Jesus' feet. For the sake and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, the great Head of the church, for the sake and in memory of the loved ones who have gone before, let us each consecrate himself to the service of our King. God guide and help you; God bring us all at last to the eternal joy of those who sow and those who reap.

OUR LONGEST PASTORATE—THAT OF REV. ELEAZER MAY

Rev. THEODORE T. MUNGER, D.D.

I HAVE been asked to speak on this occasion because my lineage connects me with the May period in your church history. I am the great-grandson of Eleazer May, who was the pastor of this church from 1756 until his death in 1803. But I have a closer relation to this town and church than any of you are aware of. My great-grandfather ministered to the souls of the people in Haddam for forty-seven years, but my father did what he could for their bodies during a few years as a physician. I confess to a keener interest in this period of your history than in the May period, which is farther off and less stirs my heart. I hope I shall not be regarded as trespassing on the Marsh period if I say a few words about my own connection with it through my parents.

My father graduated from Yale in 1814, studied medicine and walked the hospital in New York for two years, was tutor in a private family on the Hudson for a year or two either before or after his medical studies, and then betook himself to Haddam. It is uncertain what led him to this place. I have in my possession a letter written by my grandfather, Rev. David Selden of Middle Haddam, to my father in 1818, in reply to one asking his advice as to settling in this place. My grandfather advised waiting and further search for an

opening. It was not quite a fatherly letter, but it read as though it might become such. My father did not take the advice, but came to Haddam. I suspect that a stronger influence emanated from the parsonage in Middle Haddam than that of its head, and that my father was better content to take the risks of Haddam than go farther afield and lose the easy chances of extending his rides across the river to Middle Haddam And so love had its way then as now, and soon Cynthia Selden herself crossed the river, and the young doctor had no occasion to brave the floods and floating ice of the Connecticut. It was but fair that my mother should come to live in Haddam. Her father had crossed the river and taken away as his wife Cynthia, the daughter of Mr. May,—an exchange that brought me into existence, and, after seventy years, has brought me to Haddam.

Immediately after my parents began housekeeping, Rev. Mr. Marsh, who succeeded Dr. Field in 1818, became a member of their family; and thus the young minister and the young doctor were under one roof. In my boyhood, in central New York, where my father emigrated a few years later, I used to hear from my mother many stories—chiefly humorous—of Dr. Field and Mr. Marsh. My grandfather and Dr. Field were intimate friends, and little went on in one household that was not known in the other.

Besides these reminiscences that fell into my childish ears and are now somewhat faintly remembered, I have little knowledge of the life of my parents here beyond the fact that a daughter was born to them, and that the physician was himself seized with a fever for which neither his medicines nor the tears of his wife availed. It was a contagious and widely spread disease,

and was known as the Western fever. Its symptoms were great restlessness and discontent, which increased until the patient emigrated toward the setting sun. Hence, though descended on both sides from seven generations of Connecticut people, and probably connected with half the families in this part of the State, I was born in central New York, where, in a region that yielded three tons of hay to the acre, and all crops in proportion, and there is not a stone that a stout boy could not lift, I was taught by my mother that Middle Haddam was a paradise,—and so I believed until I saw it. But it is a paradise, and so is Haddam, but not for farmers. My mother used to quote a saying of some one of the Darts or Strongs or Brainerds of the parish, that "Middle Haddam land was like self-righteousness: the more you have of it the poorer you are." But my grandfather was not a respecter of proverbs, except those of Solomon, and he added land to land until his farm stretched from the road a mile away to the river. He died rich in quarries —unworked—sufficient to rebuild Nineveh. And there they are still, adorning a landscape that is indeed a paradise, but not a garden.

I must linger a little longer on this period of your history, in order to bring out a phase of it that may escape other speakers. It seems that in 1820 there existed in Haddam a "Young Men's Bible and Missionary Society." A full history of this society is given in the thorough and able "Historical Sketch" of this church (pages 45, 46) by Mr. Lewis. It appears that it was first formed as "The Haddam Bible Society," February 15, 1819, at the house of General John Brainerd. Mr. Selden Huntington, a double cousin of my mother, was chosen president, and my father secretary. At the

first annual meeting, a month later, "it was voted that when twenty members shall add to their subscriptions fifty cents each, this society shall become a Bible and Missionary Society."

Eighty years ago, my father delivered the annual address on its second anniversary. To show how he could rise above the physician (for Haddam seems to have been a provokingly healthy place), he began his address by saying that since the establishment of the society (two years), "a holy Providence has not permitted its ranks to be broken by death." Think of a physician saying that, unless he had been remarkably fortunate in his cases! The address was one that Mr. Lewis would find appropriate if he should read it today, the only question being: Is there in Haddam a Young Men's Bible and Missionary Society? The address is profoundly religious, and breathes the utmost sincerity, and yet neither he nor my mother was yet a member of the church.

I have with me another address delivered by him at a meeting of "The Literary Society of Haddam" on the evening of January 1, 1819. It appears that at this time there existed in Haddam "A Young Men's Bible and Missionary Society" and a "Literary Society." The town was rich indeed in what is best. How much of it was due to Mr. Marsh I do not know; but as the pastor and the doctor were under the same roof, and one had unbounded energy, and the other probably considerable leisure, they coöperated in creating these societies. This address is most significant. It is a simple and graphic unfolding of the brevity and uncertainty of human life, closing with a solemn appeal to prepare for death and the judgment. And yet my father

was not a member of the church. What renders this still more strange is that he speaks of "the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, the stately goings of the Almighty have been seen in these streets, the stubborn and rebellious heart has been subdued, the voice of joy and praise has been heard from the mouth of new-born souls." He, however, was not one of them. Such a fact as this discloses a not infrequent condition at that time. My father had undergone a soul-searching experience in Yale College, but had not come out into the light. I think it probable that, not feeling the joy, he doubted the reality of his experience. Perhaps he doubted his election. Dr. Field, in his "History of the Towns of Haddam and East Haddam" (page 40), says that in these towns "God has usually taken his elect here and brought them singly into Zion," and that the great revival "produced no extensive effects." Hence, many questioned their election and stayed without the church who were, perhaps, as conscientious and devout as those within it. However it may be, my parents, notwithstanding their training and the usual influences about them, deemed themselves unconverted until, in a new country where their responsibilities were more weighty, and with children about them, they saw and felt duty in a new way.

But I pass to the May period, which is the subject assigned to me.

It would help me greatly if I could find something more to say of my ancestor than is to be found in the history of the town by Dr. Field, and by Mr. Lewis in his sketch of the church. I once asked Professor Park how he could find enough in the life of Dr. Emmons to make so large a book upon him. The professor laughed

and said, "When Dr. Pierce of Brookline was returning from the funeral of Dr. Emmons, his horse ran away and the chaise was broken by collision with a tree. If I had found anything equally exciting in the life of Emmons I would have hailed it with delight." But Professor Park, in lack of interesting features in Dr. Emmons's history, made much of the "Moodus Noises," near which, if not into which, Emmons was born, and ascribed something of his theology to their effect on the mind of the growing boy,—not a wholly wrong conclusion when we consider the nature of the theology. I have not even the "Moodus Noises" to help me out in describing the life of my ancestor. I feel sure that he was a man of good character and respectable ability, or Dr. Field would have stated it; for when a pastor who came under his notice was lacking in these qualities, it was set down with great plainness of speech.

I see no way to make a history of him except to build it out of his lineage and some slight traditions,—as exegetes do when they can find nothing else to say about a Bible character.

Fortunately, there is a May Book, of a very superior order. It begins with John May, born in Sussex in 1590, and traces his lineage and their affiliations down to 1878, through so many thousand persons and families that they embrace a large proportion of the population of New England. John May, a shipmaster, having made several voyages between London and Boston, finally settled in Roxbury in 1640. Eliot, the Apostle, in whose lineage I am proud to count myself, says of his (May's) wife, "Sister Mayes died a very gracious and savory Christian."

A grandson, Hezekiah, came to Wethersfield in 1696,

and was made deacon of the church there. His grandson was the father of Eleazer May, who was born in 1733. And now legend and conjecture must take the place of history. It is necessary to connect young Eleazer in some way with Lebanon. Trumbull the artist, in his autobiography, speaks of a school kept in that place as the best in New England, and that it drew pupils from the West India Islands and the South and New England and other northern colonies. It is possible that Eleazer was sent there to prepare for college. A more romantic and better founded way of getting him to Lebanon—the home of Sibyl Huntington—is through the family tradition that in the romantic period of his youth he chanced to see on sale—in Hartford, probably—some paintings by this young woman. They were so beautiful that he vowed his willingness to fall in love with the artist, if he should ever meet her. Either before or after his graduation at Yale in 1752, he appears in Lebanon—perhaps preached in the pulpit there, when painter and preacher met and yielded to mutual charms and in due time were married.

I confess to a deeper interest in my feminine ancestor than in her husband, notwithstanding the fact that he carried his parish through the Revolution, and built a meeting-house and—greatest achievement of all—introduced a new hymn-book into the service of the church. I am of the opinion that the wife should share his honors. When a pastor serves a church for forty-seven years, and weathers all the storms, and keeps the love and respect of the parish all through, it is safe to set down three quarters of it to the wife. Tradition is not at fault in presenting her as a highly edueated and accomplished lady, with a very special talent for painting.

It is handed down in our families that she gave early lessons to young Trumbull, and taught him how to mix his colors and prepare his canvas. There is some doubt as to this tradition, though it was repeated to me by my mother. Sibyl Huntington was born in 1734, and Trumbull in 1756, when Sibyl was twenty-two years of age. She was married in 1754—two years before Trumbull was born. It is possible, however, that in her visits to Lebanon during Trumbull's youthhood, she may have inducted him into his art. I confess that probability inclines in this direction, especially as there was intimacy between the families of Jonathan Trumbull and Captain Samuel Huntington. Besides, the tradition hardly could exist without some fact behind it.

I am not aware that any specimens of her art are still in existence. There is, however, a tradition that in the old red parsonage there was a painted panel in the "keeping-room" on which was depicted a hunting-scene by the hand of the young mistress. But house and panel have disappeared, the hunting-scene is long since gone, and there is no record or sign of Sibyl Huntington, wife of Eleazer May, save the ever increasing descendants of their ten children, who soon began to fill the red parsonage.[1] The best token of their bringing up is the fact that the shortest-lived died at forty, and their ages averaged seventy-four years. The four boys and six girls all married, and how many Mays and Arnolds and Dwights and Seldens and Fullers and Townsends and Wellses and Robinsons and Houses and Sages and Brainerds and Whites sprang from them is partially indicated by Mr. John May's book.

It is not to be expected that I should enter into the

1 Since reading this paper I have learned that the panel is still preserved by Mrs. Huntington in Higganum.

details of Mr. May's ministry. They are, at the best, meager; and, such as they are, they have been set down in the very thorough "Historical Sketch" by Mr. Lewis. There you will find how many children were baptized in the long ministry—almost a thousand; how many were received into the church, two hundred and thirty-nine, or about five a year. If the rate seems small, the times must be taken into account. There were years, during the Revolution and long after, when a pastor did well if he could keep together those already in the church.

Of the preaching of Mr. May I can say nothing authoritatively. If his sermons were of the length of those of his son-in-law, Rev. David Selden—my grandfather—I can give you ocular proof that they were short, for here are three of them. I have all my life been faithfully urged (but without effect) to preach shorter sermons. Evidently, heredity in this matter does not cover one descendant. These sermons would require about twenty minutes, if moderately delivered. If the writer was well up in his theology, as I think he was, an hour was about all that would be required for their writing, to shift the kaleidoscope and bring out the proper doctrinal result under the text. I have no reason to think that Mr. May's sermons were longer or differently constructed. I wish to speak with all respect of my revered ancestors, but I am inclined to think that so far as the writing of sermons was concerned, they had a very easy time of it. I am also disposed to think that in this brevity they were shrewder than we have been apt to think. They preached short sermons, they were orthodox, and why should they not have lived on in peace for nigh half a century, dying where they were

ordained? What fault could be found with ministers so considerate of their flocks, and so careful of the doctrines as to refrain from saying too much about them?

I would not intimate that they were idle. On the contrary, I think they were quite as busy as their modern successors who live in their studies, and take ten newspapers and six magazines, and read a new book every week, and go to the city or into the country on Monday, and lecture as often as they are asked, and belong to three or four clubs, and take the lead in all the organizations of their parishes, besides doing a good deal of outside work. It was not this kind of work that kept our forefathers in the ministry busy. They stayed at home and took care of their parishes; that is, they shepherded them, watched over them as a flock, looked after them singly, as need required. I doubt if there was man, woman, or child in Haddam that Mr. May did not know through and through; nor a household that did not frequently receive him, and undergo or enjoy his inquiries into their spiritual condition, and receive his advice or benediction. And what he was to the family, he was to the schools, and to the town in all its public affairs. That he kept his parish forty-seven years, and died honored and loved by all, is a testimony that allows no blemish to rest on his memory, and that certifies to a life of laborious fidelity to his high calling. This thing is to be said about the ministers of those days: they were pastors of the Standing Order, and they knew it,—knew its dignities and its duties.

If I were to summarize the life of Mr. May, I should say that its chief work lay in the fact that he carried his parish safely, not to say strongly, through the Revo-

lution. The pastors who stayed at home and kept their flocks together and shared their poverty, as Mr. May did, rendered quite as great service to the country as those who went to the war. The churches were not only depleted in membership and resources, but during the war and long after they suffered a defection from the faith and a low state of religion, due to the wave of French infidelity that swept over the country. Mr. May, it appears, held up his church and carried it through without other loss than financial weakness.

Another achievement was in building a new church, and another in revolutionizing the service of song by introducing Watts's Hymns and dropping the lining off the Psalms. To live through building a church and avoid the darts of disturbed musical sensibility are triumphs for a minister then and now.

We look at the career of Mr. May at a hundred years' distance. It is like looking at a mountain twenty miles away. There is much that we cannot see, rough places and smooth, hidden ravines and bold projections. We cannot see these features of it, but we see the whole mountain, its majestic height, its place in the broad general landscape, the soft and blended lights that infold it, its dignity and its solemn beauty. So, I think, we look upon this venerable man we have been considering. There is not a great deal we know about him; he is too far off; but we see in him the unquestioned figure of a Puritan minister of the Colonial period; well-born, well-educated in the humanities and in his profession, wed to a beautiful and accomplished wife, the father of ten children who bore in life the impress of their training; a clerical citizen, who put the strength of his life—a sacred and uplifting influence—into a

half-century of the history of this town, unambitious, contented, magnifying his office, satisfied to do the work committed to him, and leaving a memory which no written or printed line and tradition left in the air touches with blame or disrespect. On a funeral piece wrought in silk by his granddaughter, my mother, is the inscription:

> The sweet remembrance of the just
> Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

To-day, we fulfil the tender words, and pay honor and gratitude and love and reverence to the memory of Eleazer May.

THE REVIVAL ERA

Rev. EVERETT E. LEWIS

THE first great revivals in the history of the church occurred during the third half-century, especially in connection with the ministry of Dr. Marsh, which began in 1818. We therefore designate this period as the revival era.

Spiritual awakenings preceded and have followed this earliest, powerful, and wide-spread work of grace, but, measured by the extent of its influence, by the manifold increase of the membership of the church, and by the potent impulse given to religious activities, no other half-century is as interesting and fruitful.

Dr. Fisk, in his "Handbook of Revivals," divides the modern era into five periods. The first and second of his divisions precede the birth of this church. The third period, 1730–1750, covers the labors of John Wesley and Jonathan Edwards, who were both born in 1703, and also of Charles Wesley and George Whitefield. In 1734, the revival first manifested its power in Northampton, where Edwards estimated that during six months three hundred were hopefully converted. The interest spread rapidly to other towns.

Rev. Phineas Fiske and Rev. Aaron Cleveland were the pastors here during those years. Mr. Fiske died while the movement was yet in its infancy; yet, from the fact that the two following pastorates were short and broken, we have some reason for thinking that the

growth of the church in the first fifty years was chiefly under his leadership, as it certainly was in the third half-century under Dr. Marsh, whose pastorate was also followed by frequent changes. The membership in 1700 did not probably exceed thirty-five, while in 1756 it had risen to one hundred. So marked a change points to the existence of the evangelistic spirit and to special seasons of religious interest. Mr. Cleveland sympathized heartily with the revival spirit and movement. He is one of the twenty-three, including the famous preacher and evangelist Joseph Bellamy, who earnestly protest against legislation hostile to revivals.

During Mr. May's long ministry we reach the fourth, according to Dr. Fisk, of the revival eras, extending from 1792 to 1842. Griffin, Backus, Dwight, Emmons, and especially Nettleton and Lyman Beecher, two mighty champions in the battles of the Lord, are upon the stage.

Dr. Griffin says: "In 1792 began the unbroken series of American revivals; in November, the first that I had the privilege of witnessing showed itself on the borders of East Haddam and Lyme, which apparently brought one hundred souls to Christ." At this date, Mr. May was approaching the end of his extended and able ministry. His health was feeble. Other causes also united to delay any decisive revival movement for a score of years. Six, however, of the forty-seven years of his untiring service are noted as specially fruitful.

In 1804, the first year of Dr. Field's ministry, there is a steady inflow of communicants on fourteen different occasions, amounting in all to forty-five, of whom all but five came on confession. It was a good year and prophetic of larger harvests. One of the number was Stephen Tibbals, from whose generous interest in the

church came, July 3, 1836, "a silver tankard, costing one hundred dollars, for sacramental use," which still, on each returning communion, bears silent witness to "his attachment to the ordinances of Christ."

Again, in 1809, twenty-four names are added to the roll, and in 1810 thirty-one, the additions being gradual and revealing a healthful spiritual condition, but not giving promise of any wide-spread revival awakening either in the church or in the community. Among these additions are the names of Deacon Ezra Kelsey and his wife Sally Hubbard, whose son kindly sends us for this occasion a letter replete with pleasant reminiscence, of Rev. David Pratt, of Rev. Eleazer Brainerd, and of many others whose memory our older people delight to recall.

For a general quickening, pervading the town, we wait for the coming of Rev. John Marsh, son of Dr. Marsh of Wethersfield, a graduate of Yale at sixteen years of age, and a teacher for several years, who came here in 1818, at the age of thirty, well equipped for a ministry of great evangelical power. He was exceptionally persuasive in address, earnest, aggressive, hoping great things and daring the same. From one hundred members in 1756, to one hundred and nine at the coming of Dr. Field in 1804, and to one hundred and sixty-five at his dismissal in 1818, the revivals of the following ten years swelled the enrolment to over three hundred and sixty, and gave enduring impulse to every form of Christian activity.

Dr. Marsh's ministry opened auspiciously. The first of June he was in the pulpit. By the fifteenth of December, the date of his ordination, very great results had already been accomplished. Isaac Parsons of East Had-

dam, just beginning his forty years' pastorate, and under whose leadership eight revivals enriched the sister church in numbers and in devotion, in giving to Mr. Marsh the right hand of fellowship, earnestly congratulated him on the bright outlook for the immediate future. Mr. Marsh himself was aflame with expectation, from what he had already witnessed of the "wonderful operations of the Word and the Spirit." The following extracts from a long letter,[1] written by him to Dr. Field soon after the awakening appeared with marvelous power, are of exceeding interest, both as giving a vivid account of the origin and development of the revival, and especially as indicating the methods employed for increasing its influence. It seemed to start of itself, heaven-sent and sustained, at a time when the church was listening to candidates, of whom Mr. Marsh chanced to be one. In preaching, the most alarming truths were presented and yielded the best results. The use made of neighboring pastors and of district gatherings is also noteworthy. A strong point, always emphasized by Mr. Moody, is equally accentuated in the intense solicitude of Christians for the conversion of their friends. The recent conversion of two "important young men in the street" is spoken of with great satisfaction, and illustrates a type of experience far more common at that time than now. One was "at rest under inability and election, but the Lord showed him his sinfulness and took away all his excuses, so that he was a very distressed man for the three days before he became, we trust, a new one."

1 This letter was copied from the original, which was found among the manuscript papers of Dr. Field preserved in the library of the Historical Society at Hartford. Special acknowledgment is here made of many favors received through the kindness of Mr. Bates, the librarian.

A sister's great solicitude for his conversion had much exercised the other. "He has scarcely eaten a full meal for six weeks, and worked exceeding hard to make himself better, and, to use his own expression, meant to get religion without letting people know it. But his distress was so great on our day of Fasting and Prayer that he could not sing. It broke the pride of his heart and he gave himself up to Christ." The royal tribute of the young preacher to the pastor so recently dismissed is as complimentary to the writer as to his honored predecessor. Few ministers, indeed, have an opportunity to write such a letter, reporting one hundred conversions only two months later than their first appearance in a pulpit as candidates for settlement. Its date is August 10, 1818.

I believe I came to Haddam soon after you left. My first Sabbath was 7 of June, but I did not remain here that week. The next Sabbath I perceived what was unknown to me before (for I was as ignorant of Haddam as of Chilicothe), the revival becoming deep & indeed bursting out in almost all parts of the place.

Since that period to the present time, it has been uniformly great. The number who have obtained hope is about 100. Many cases have been deeply interesting. Some families have been as distressed as at the loss of a relative. Esteeming it important, our meetings have been abundant & I believe to the satisfaction of the people, so that they have felt no disposition to go after other teachers. In 58 days I have preached 56 times. Besides, we have had preaching from Mess. Hotchkiss, Parsons, Jun. & sr., Hovey, Beardslee, Vail, Selden, sen. & jun., Smith & Talcott. This might appear at first too much. It would be to the same people. But you know the extent of this town, that a man may preach every day and not go to the same school house once a fortnight. We have 3 meetings on the Sabbath & two on Wednesday in the meeting house. Our other meetings are at Higganum, Candlewood Hill, Ponset, Turkey Hill & lower district school houses. They are always crowded & solemn. There has

been no enthusiasm and, but in one instance, such distress as to make me stop preaching, when a young woman was carried out. Deep seriousness, solemnity & anxiety have always been manifest. I have found the most alarming truths the most useful. Sinners have been told with plainness that they are vessels of wrath fitted for destruction, that it is nothing but the pleasure of an offended God that keeps them out of hell, that they must immediately repent, yield to Christ and become holy. And against the Son of God & doctrines of grace there is but little cavilling.

On Sat. afternoons the young Converts assemble together in Gen. Brainerd's Ballroom & I address myself to them in their new character. These have been very solemn and useful meetings. Such as are anxious come in & some members of the church. They love to sing "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." And often do they say, O, that Mr. Field could look upon us in this room & this character,—how it would rejoice his heart.

And here, Brother Field, is the blessed fruit of your labour. O, had the people been poorly indoctrinated, what evils would have accompanied the blessed work. You sowed a great deal of good seed, which is now springing up & will bear I trust an hundred fold. You laid a broad & strong foundation to a building which is now agoing up with shoutings, "Grace, grace unto it." The people probably estimate your labours tenfold more than they ever did before; speak of them constantly; your faithfulness & their inattention, your plain exhibition of truth & their blindness, stupidity, madness, folly. And I am persuaded it would cheer your heart much, while wandering through the wilderness, did you know the affection they bear you, and the uniform manner in which they all now criminate themselves for loving you no more and profiting so little under your faithful ministrations. Strange are the events of Providence, but God's will be done.

On Friday last we had a day of Fasting & Prayer, and a solemn season it was. But little work was done. The meeting house was full, and we had a most solemn assembly. Old Mr. Parsons preached in the morning, I in the afternoon & evening. You were then specially remembered & often are, in our addresses at the throne of grace.

There has been but little opposition. What has existed has

nearly subsided. There has been on the minds of many an uncommon solicitude for relatives and sinners. There is a prayer meeting every Sunday noon. The Females are about forming a Missionary Society.

You must pray for your old people. They will give you such a welcome when you come back as you little expected when you left.

Yours Sincerely in the bonds of Christ,

JOHN MARSH, JR.

The interest deepened as the weeks went on, and just a month from his ordination, on January 17, the church welcomed to its fellowship, chiefly from the young, seventy-four communicants. Each following month of the year, except September and November, the number was enlarged; and January 1, 1820, the membership was more than seventy per cent. larger than it was when the pastor was inducted into office. Dr. Marsh always acted on the assurance that it was not he and his people who were waiting for the Lord to convert men in his own good time and way, but that the Lord was waiting for them to put in the sickle of an abundant harvest. Four more revival years followed before Dr. Marsh listened to the urgent call to become the agent of the American Temperance Union, and his people with great reluctance acceded to his request, April 1, 1833. He writes to the church, "Our union for fourteen years has been to me exceedingly pleasant," and is able to add, "On most of you I am permitted to look as the seals of my ministry." Five revivals had greatly changed the community. In 1821, beginning with February, there were confessions of faith for eight successive months, making a total of forty-seven for the year. Three years later, this experience was again repeated, with fifty-three accessions, giving an increase in four years of an even

one hundred. In 1831, likewise, not less than a score of precious souls were added to the church. But three years earlier, in 1828, the most remarkable of this fruitful series of revivals swept through the town, adding one hundred and four names to this church, and many to the other communions. Rev. Simon Shailer, the pastor of the Baptist church, estimated the number of genuine converts through the town to be between two and three hundred. Dr. Marsh wrote exultingly of this extended triumph of the truth, "Within ten years three hundred and twenty-nine have dedicated their service to the Lord," a yearly average of thirty-three, adding, "These revivals have been still and solemn, and have in each case more and more impressed us with the truth that revivals of religion are the foundation of Zion's prosperity." Victoriously, indeed, was this the revival era of our history. To those marvelous spiritual awakenings we trace the most potent and holiest influences that have wrought for righteousness, sobriety, and peace.

The Sunday-school and the Bible Society, both started in immediate connection with the large ingathering to the church in 1819; the foreign missionary interest, which first appeared in 1812, when the Middlesex Auxiliary to the American Board was organized, but was greatly increased during the revival years; the temperance movement, in which service the young pastor was to become an influential actor; these, and other social and spiritual blessings of lasting advantage to the church, are all greatly indebted to the revival spirit.

One lingers lovingly over the pages of names in the records of Dr. Marsh, so suggestive of youthful consecration to the Master, and of self-denying, enduring ser-

vice for the welfare of his church; names of the young they were, but to us they are the names with family histories woven into the fabric of social development, and also, for the majority, names of the redeemed triumphant who have passed one by one into the solemn silence beyond which are the joyful reunions.

At the opening of the present pastorate on January 1, 1872, only four names of 1819 remained on the roll, and of the nearly four hundred received into the fellowship of the church in connection with the five large revivals under Dr. Marsh, all but twenty-eight had either taken letters to other churches or joined the church above. The latest to unite with the church of these twenty-eight was Rev. Daniel Clark Tyler, who is now living at the advanced age of ninety-two, too feeble to send either reminiscences or greetings for this occasion, and who supplied the pulpit in the old meeting house for a few months after Dr. Field departed to Higganum; whose father was Moses Tyler, first on the records of additions by Dr. Marsh, as the son was the last by confession; the Moses Tyler of the grist-mill at the creek, and emphatically of prayer-meetings at Turkey Hill, Shailerville, Tylerville, and every place, private or public, near or far, where one could be found or created; a humble man of the revival spirit, and leaving to his son Daniel Clark, and to his church a priceless inheritance of Christian consecration and zeal.

Next before Mr. Tyler on the 1872 list of members stand the names of two others, whose memory is very precious to the church by reason of long and faithful services, united with a charming Christian fellowship and friendship. Their son bears the father's name, Cyprian Strong Brainerd, and in grateful and generous

tribute of love to the memory of the beloved father and mother, desiring also to make the worship of the sanctuary of his parents' praises and prayers richer and more inspiring, donates to the church on its two hundredth anniversary this beautifully finished and sweet-toned organ. Mr. Brainerd, with characteristic modesty, denies us the privilege of acknowledging, with formal address, this gift of love; but his filial affection encourages us, I am confident, to speak with appreciative recollection the name Cyprian Strong Brainerd, Deacon, enrolled for that office and filling it worthily till his death in 1880, for thirty-four full years of loyal service, and also serving for a long term as the successful leader of the choir, and the name also of his faithful wife, Florilla Hull,—1831 names they both are. How we should enjoy having the deacon stand up here to-day, with his choir, and sing, as of old, with strong, resonant voice and reverent, joyful face! We trust he is invisibly present, and—to our ears inaudibly—joining in these anniversary hymns of victory.

Three names earlier on the list of twenty-eight is that of Rev. Davis S. Brainerd, thirty-four years the honored pastor at Old Lyme, whose brother Samuel made just one exception to regularly taking a long church nap, and that was when Davis, his pride and favorite, occupied the pulpit by exchange. Mr. Brainerd was present at my ordination with fatherly greeting and benediction of blessing. Four years later, the senior brother, then in his eightieth year, was welcomed to the fellowship of the church. Then, too, these other honored names deserve more than simply repeating: Deacon George S. Brainerd, Deacon Oliver P. Smith, Ansel Brainerd and wife, Ezekiel Clark, Mrs. Hannah Emmons, Mrs. Smith Ventres,

who, if now living, would be just one hundred years of age, and, most wonderful to relate, our beloved "Aunt Larissa" Shailer, who is praying to witness one more revival before her translation, already seventy-six years and a half confessing Jesus on earth in the communion of this church; bright, serene, contented, happy, radiant with spiritual sunshine in face, words, and spirit, whose one hundredth birthday we celebrated September 21, with religious services at her home, recalling her enthusiastic affirmation that prayer-meetings tired her never. Such are a few of the choice treasures of the third decade of the revival era.

There are other songs of revival rejoicings as the half-century draws to a close. One name from the forty additions of 1841 still remains on the roll, two from the revival of 1846, and one entered in 1847. These five—Miss Shailer, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Mary E. Brainerd, Miss Mary Kelsey, and Miss Catharine Cook—are our present members of more than half a century. Miss Cook's name is the last on the list of those uniting with the church prior to the removal to this house of worship in November, 1847.

The old meeting house justly claims recognition in speaking of these great revivals. It stood a few rods to the north of the present parsonage, and gives its name to the adjoining park, Meeting-House Green, the smaller of the two parks generously given to the town by four of the eminent sons of Dr. Field on the seventy-fifth anniversary, in 1878, of his marriage to Submit Dickinson of Somers, as a memorial of the honored father and mother whose influence is so vitally and enduringly a part of our history. For more than three fourths of a century it sheltered this church. From its pulpit,

four of the most eminent of its pastors fed the flock: Mr. May for thirty-two years; Dr. Field for twenty-one; Dr. Marsh for fourteen; and Dr. Clark for three years. Mr. Cook was the pastor when the farewell sermon was preached and this house welcomed the church to its attractive and convenient arrangements for Christian worship. Mr. May had preached the dedicatory sermon at the old church, October 24, 1771, taking as his theme the prophetic message, "The spiritual presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in his house of worship its greatest glory, and what ought most earnestly to be sought after." Sixteen revivals hallow its memory with ingatherings of grace. The records show that more than one half, or fifty-eight per cent. of the entire enrolment of the church, on confession of faith, since 1756, with penitent spirit and consecrating vows entered through its aisles into fellowship with the saved. It was a plain building, having no tower, no bell, no carpets, no stoves for many years, and very little interior adornment. "I remember it well," said Rev. Charles Nichols, eight years a pastor at Higganum, in a reminiscent letter, "with its square pews, its spacious galleries, its two rows of windows, and its high pulpit. How homely to modern taste, and yet what glory of the grace of God was at times seen there in making lost sinners see the adorable wonders of the love of God in Christ." What exultant experiences swelled the hearts of pastor and people, of young and old, on those memorable occasions, "days never to be forgotten," of largest revival ingatherings, the recitals of heaven alone can portray. Mrs. Hemans's lines on an old English church, with the change of only a name, vividly utter our thought by repeating the cherished impressions ever

associated with the meeting house at whose altar for two generations the fathers dedicated themselves and their children to the Lord.

> It stood alone
> In gracious sanctity. The air was fraught
> With noble memories, whispering many a thought
> Of *Haddam's* fathers: lofty and serene,
> They that had toiled, watched, struggled, to secure
> Within such fabrics, worship, free and pure,
> Reigned there, the o'ershadowing spirits of the scene.

Victoriously the fathers, lofty and serene, reign here on this day of days, "the o'ershadowing spirits" of this scene, where children, themselves venerable, and children's children, gather to pay exultant tribute to noble memories and renew the pledge that worship, free and pure, shall ceaselessly remain the priceless boon of centuries yet unborn.

Our present house of worship has inherited the blessing of the past, and been the home of gracious revivals. Its erection was closely connected with the organization of the Higganum church, May 14, 1844. From that date the religious influence flowing from the Congregational fellowship west of the river divides into two streams, nearly equal at the first, but changes in the population have greatly favored, during recent years, the much larger increase of the daughter church. Plans for the new house were considered in 1845, but final action as to the site was not taken till 1847, the corner-stone being laid June 21. At its dedication, November 3, 1847, Dr. Marsh preached on the theme, "The dedication of a house of God an occasion of great joy," and Mr. Cook offered the prayer of consecration. A brief report of

the exercises closed by saying, "Several anthems were sung by a large choir in superior style. The house is one of much beauty and the prospects of the church are now of an encouraging character."

Three settled pastors have occupied the pulpit for fifty of the fifty-three years since the removal from the old house: Mr. Cook continuing five years, Mr. Wright doing royal service for the sixteen years that closed with his translation, January 18, 1871, and the present pastorate commencing with December of that year. Six revivals have awakened glad songs of praise within these walls. In 1853, during Mr. Colton's short acting pastorate of less than two years, thirty-five were added to our communion. Mr. Wright rejoiced to welcome in 1858, a memorable year of revivals, thirteen, and again in 1866 nineteen, and in 1870, the last year of his ministry, ten more were enrolled. The revival of 1876 added forty on confession of their faith, the membership of the church reaching, January 1, 1877, one hundred and fifty, its highest enrolment since the division of the church in 1844. Again, in 1897, the community was unusually moved and twenty names were added to the list of communicants. We crave no larger blessing for the coming years than the continuance of the revival spirit in this house of prayer, with an ever-deepening and expanding influence. A few remain who in early youth worshipped in the older sanctuary; but to most of us this house is an inheritance from the fathers, the scene of our deepest religious experiences, the place of uplifting Christian fellowship, where thoughts of truth and love have banished doubts and fears, where heaven has seemed very near and we have had visions of the exalted Christ,—the house

Our fathers built to God,—
Here holy thoughts a light have shed
From many a radiant face,
And prayers of tender hope have spread
A perfume through the place.
They live with God, their homes are dust,
But here their children pray,
And in this lifetime trust
To find the narrow way.

From the mountain peak of two centuries we look back for an hour, and then, wiser and stronger for what we have learned of achievement, we face the new, those greater, grander centuries of the final triumph of the kingdom of God, with the prayer that he will make us faithful and grant to our beloved church the yet larger and more rewarding spiritual harvests of the millennial day.

THE HALF-CENTURY TO 1850

Rev. AMOS S. CHESEBROUGH, D. D.

New Hartford, Conn., October 10, 1900.

Rev. E. E. Lewis.

My dear Brother: It is with deep regret that I feel obliged to decline your invitation to participate *personally* in the approaching bicentenary of the First Church of Haddam. The best I can do is to send you a few

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which, if your Committee deem them worthy of the occasion, you are at liberty to make use of at your discretion.

My acquaintance with this church dates back to the year 1841, the first year of my ministry in the adjacent parish of Chester. Coming, as I did, directly from the theological school, a young man, a stranger in these parts, it was very gratifying to receive marked attention from Dr. David D. Field, who was then the Pastor. He made an early call upon me, invited me to his house, requested my assistance in reading the proof of a publication which he was then editing, and proposed an exchange of pulpits. At my ordination he gave the charge, and from him I learned many lessons of great value to me in my ministerial life.

Dr. Field was a strong man, both in body and mind,—about sixty years old when I first knew him. In person he was of medium height, squarely and solidly built. He was not mincing or hesitating in his gait or action, but moved as if he had important business in hand,—some purpose to accomplish; and in speaking he was clean cut and positive, seldom appealing to the feelings. He was a graduate of Yale College in the class of 1802, and was ordained and installed as the Pastor of this church in 1804, which office he held for fourteen years. During the succeeding eighteen years, he ministered to the Congregational Church of Stockbridge,

Mass., and then sought and obtained a resettlement in this his former sphere of labor. Here he filled out seven more years in the pastorate, at the expiration of which, in 1844, he received his dismission.

Dr. Field was a scholarly man in his tastes and attainments, and was the father of more brains in his children than any man I ever knew, except, possibly, Dr. Lyman Beecher. As an authority on questions of Congregational polity, in his day, he had few equals. In theology he may be classed as a moderate New England Calvinist, with a large charity for all disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the author of a very valuable history of Middlesex County, in gathering material for which he made the acquaintance of the leading families in the several towns, among which he always met with cordial entertainment in his excursions.

The education of the young ever elicited from him an active interest, and, if I am not mistaken, it was owing largely to his influence and counsel that the fund was given for the establishment of the Brainerd Academy. It was a noble purpose which prompted the Brainerd brothers to contribute so generously for this object. In its early history there was a promise that the institution would prove to be an invaluable success in furnishing to the young people of Haddam the opportunity for the pursuit of more advanced courses of study than were afforded by the common school. It happened during the first or second year of my ministry in Chester, that an urgent request came to me to take charge of the school for a week or two, as Mr. Snow, the principal, was necessarily absent, by reason of sickness, at his home in Massachusetts. Complying with the request, I found the school well filled and in excellent condition; and I greatly enjoyed my brief pedagogical experience. Several years afterward, the attendance began to dwindle by reason of the suspension of work in the quarries and shipyards and the growth of Higganum as a new and flourishing center of population and business. Thus, unfortunately, Brainerd Academy, like many other academies in the country towns, has been superseded by a few more heavily funded institutions, and by the high schools of the cities, to which our recent railroad facilities afford cheap and ready access. Notwithstanding this decline, however, the founders of Brainerd Academy deserve to be remembered with gratitude and honor for their generous purpose.

During the interval which elapsed between the dismission of Dr. Field and the settlement of another Pastor, there was a revival, in which I was called to assist the minister who was in temporary charge. There were some cases of awakening of considerable interest.

In 1846, Mr. Elisha W. Cook, who graduated at Yale in the class of 1837, two years after my own graduation, received and accepted a call to the pastorate of this church. In his ordination and installation it was my privilege to take part. Having had some previous acquaintance with Mr. Cook in New Haven, I anticipated for him an efficient and successful ministry; and, so far as I know, my anticipations were realized. I am sure that he enjoyed the confidence and respect of his ministerial brethren.

In the second year of Mr. Cook's ministry, if I am not mistaken, this house of worship was erected and consecrated. It was a memorable event, the change from the old sanctuary to the new. The former was an antiquated structure, in shape nearly square, and of dimensions large enough to accommodate the town at the time when there were no other places of worship. Doubtless, when built, it was consecrated to God and *the town,* and like most of the old meeting-houses, it was designed, in part, for town meetings. The building had little of architectural ornament without and within, one of those buildings which irreverent persons were accustomed to designate *"the Lord's barns."* When first erected, I was told the pews in the audience-room were all square, so that a portion of the congregation sat with their backs to the preacher, and some sideways. But at the time I first preached in the house, none of the square pews remained, excepting those adjoining the sides of the building. On first entering the high pulpit, and looking up to the lofty gallery, and down upon the sparse congregation, I found it difficult to adjust myself to the peculiarity of the situation. But, as the service proceeded, I found myself agreeably affected by the serious and venerable look of things; and ever afterward, on learning the history of the house—how many scenes of spiritual quickening it had witnessed, and how many souls had within its walls recorded their vows of consecration to Christ, I felt it to be a privilege to stand in the sacred pulpit and echo the teachings of the good men who in the past had there held forth the Word of life.

But the days of the old structure were numbered. It was becoming dilapidated and beyond repair. The dying out and removal of the old families, and the opening of other places of worship was reducing the congregation, so that the house was disproportionately large for the need. The proprieties and necessities of the case demanded a new and more compact and more attractive house of worship. Nothing else and nothing less was to be thought of; for the people had a mind to work, and rose resolutely and unitedly to the occasion. I cannot, at the distance of more than fifty years, recall the particulars of the service of the Dedication. But I remember that it was a feast of gladness, that the seats were filled to their capacity by the people of this community and delegations from the neighboring parishes. And a hush of deep and tender seriousness fell upon the assembly when this pulpit, this communion-table, these seats, and these walls were solemnly dedicated to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

As my intercourse with the members of this church was limited to pulpit exchanges with your minister, and to occasional public meetings, I had small opportunity for forming familiar acquaintance with individuals, though I was on speaking terms with many. Permit me, however, to specify three or four who occupy a choice place in my memory. One of these is Deacon George S. Brainerd, who seemed to me to be a man of solid worth—a pillar in the church, giving to it his steadfast and generous support. Another, worthy of special mention, is Deacon Cyprian S. Brainerd, who, although he resided on the east side of the river, was seldom deterred by storm or ice from filling his place in the choir and the Sunday-school. The last time I saw him, he was a mourner over the sudden death by pulmonary hemorrhage of a promising son. I might name also Samuel R. Brainerd, in whose Christian home I was most pleasantly entertained with bed and board during my brief term of teaching in the Academy. Not to yield to the temptation to extend this specification further, I only name Doctor Hutchinson, whom I counted as an intimate friend, both while he was a resident here and in Cromwell. I always had a high regard for him and for members of his family as intelligent and zealous supporters of the Church of Christ.

And now, my brother, in bringing these reminiscences to a close, permit me to congratulate you, that you have had the honor and

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the privilege of ministering to this venerable church so happily for more than a quarter of a century. And, through you, I would congratulate the church, so dear to me by reason of the memories which it revives, on reaching its two hundredth birthday, in a condition of vigorous health and unshrinking courage. When Methusaleh was two hundred years old, he was yet in his young manhood. But before he arrived at his thousandth year, he died of old age. But this church, so long as it continues to be a true church of Jesus Christ, is instinct with a divine life which forbids it to grow old, and annuls its subjection to death, as long as there are human beings inhabiting these hills and valleys who are to be saved. From all I know of this church or learn about it, it was never younger than it is to-day. Though by reason of unavoidable causes, it is weaker as to numbers than formerly, that furnishes no proof of weakness in spiritual power and fruitfulness. It is often the case that our larger and wealthier churches are the feebler ones. Where God works *in* and *with* a church, units count for hundreds. And it deserves to be remembered, that, though six or seven generations have succeeded one another in the membership, this is the *same church* that was founded by the fathers and mothers who here first took upon themselves vows of loyalty to Christ, and it inherits the fullness of the ancestral blessing. If this inheritance shall be handed down to the succeeding generations, then the promise will be fulfilled that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Their youth will be continually renewed like the eagles.

Yours in the Fellowship of the Church,

AMOS S. CHESEBROUGH.

THE PASTORATE OF THE REV. JAMES L. WRIGHT

Rev. SILAS W. ROBBINS

Pastor of the Congregational Church, North Haven, 1852–1856
First Congregational Church, East Haddam, 1856–1871
First Congregational Church, Manchester, 1871–1891

DEAR Brethren and Friends: It is not possible for me fully to express the pleasure I have in sharing with you the common interest of this great occasion while we are living for a little time in the light of other days.

I may be permitted to say that whenever I look back upon the past with a disposition to magnify my record, to persuade myself that, after all, I have been somewhat of a man in the world, I love to recall the fact that at one time in my life I was the minister of this historic and honored church. Your records may not show it; nevertheless, it is true that for some four or five months in 1852, I was privileged to occupy this pulpit, having my Sabbath home in the family of Dr. Ira Hutchinson, that noble man who might have been a grand minister after the type of Dr. Field, if he had not been a grand physician—a man of large intelligence, quick and accurate judgment of men and things, who could read human character as clearly as he could read the condition of the human body, and withal kindly, sympathetic, and communicative—just the man for a young minister to be acquainted with. And to have had such

acquaintance was a valuable supplement to a theological course.

I feel, therefore, that I owe much to this church. First, because of the inspiration, the impulses that I here gathered in the early days, so that when, after the four years of my pastorate in North Haven, I came to be a pastor in East Haddam, I had only to look across the river to be assured that I had friends near by.

Again, I owe much to this church because, if there had been no church in Haddam there would have been no church in East Haddam, and I should have missed fifteen years of delightful service there—this according to the principle of Father Gavazzi, who, when visiting this country thirty years ago, was accustomed to say to his audiences, speaking of Italy and Columbus, "Had it not been for Columbus I might now be addressing an assembly of wild Indians."

And again, I owe a debt to this church, because it brought to me the knowledge of such men as David Dudley Field, John Marsh, and James L. Wright, as well as my beloved brother, who so long and so worthily has stood in this royal line. I shall never forget one red-letter day, the Sabbath which Dr. Field spent with me in 1857. He was on one of those visits he so delighted to make to the scenes of his early labors. He preached three times to my people, and during his stay entertained me richly from his abundant knowledge of men and events which have distinguished this locality. Especially did he never seem to tire of speaking of the great ability and high character of David Brainerd.

But the one man with whom I entered into closest relationship was Mr. Wright. He came in 1855, I in 1856; and we were side by side in labor, sympathy, and

growing friendship till his work was done. The last service which I conducted in this church was in memory of him. And when, a few weeks later, I left my parish for another, it was easier to go because he had gone.

There were noble men in the Middlesex Association, whose names are honored and whose works live after them—Nichols, Beach, Bell, Doolittle, Wickes, Baird, Gallup, McCall, Hillard, Brainerd, Burr[1]—Burr who was, who is, and long may his "sun be hanging in the west," while the people rejoice in its light. In Middletown, not then annexed, were Jeremiah Taylor and John L. Dudley, whose ability and fraternal sympathy were greatly prized.

We were then in the first decade of this great half-century so soon to close. And though the elements abroad are astir to-day and we stand paralyzed before events that are transpiring, hardly realizing that the things are so, yet fifty years ago opposing elements were astir in this home-land, stupendous issues waiting their decision, and a mighty conflict impending, compared with which in duration, in magnitude, in cost, and in results, the recent war with Spain was hardly more than a sham fight.

Probably there has never been a period in the country's history when its intellect and heart were brought into more strenuous exercise than during the years between 1850 and 1865. Mr. Wright came just as the fires of the Frémont campaign were kindling. Then followed the four years of agitation during Mr. Buchanan's administration, and then the four dark, terrible years of the Civil War.

1 Dr. E. F. Burr celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his settlement at Lyme, October 3, 1900

And it is not to be forgotten that the sentiment in favor of temperance reform had never been more thoroughly aroused than at the opening of this half-century. The Maine prohibitory law had been hailed as a rising star of hope. Other States followed its course till the great State of New York gave the indorsement of its example. And we cannot tell how much would have been permanently accomplished for this cause had not the greater agitation for the saving of the Union absorbed the attention and effort of the people.

Now it may be remembered by some that the elements of opposition were nowhere in the State stronger than in the communities along this valley. Not that many were opposed to temperance, not that anybody advocated slavery. But it is hard for the ardent members of a dominant political party to surrender the conditions needful to its ascendancy.

Now these were times when it was fortunate for this church to have in its pulpit a *man*—a man of strong intellect and great heart, of quick discernment and accurate judgment; a man gentle, patient, determined, true to his own ideas of right, yet respectful toward other people's ideas; a man who could deal with opposers without bitterness, and hold the respect even of those whom he did not win.

I am safe in saying, I think, that in those years of agitation there was no failure of spiritual life in the churches. At least I know how the ministers felt. The political questions might even be called *religious*. The earnest preliminary discussions were such as to quicken the moral sense. And in the stern stress of the war, the anguish of the bitter years, men were crying, "How long, O Lord, how long!"

The year 1858 was a year of memorable revival. The work began in East Haddam the year preceding. The whole town was moved by the Spirit's influence as it had not been since 1824. Seventy-nine members were added to the Congregational church. The following year, the churches this side the river were visited and the reviving power was felt far and wide in the land. Other occasions of rejoicing in spiritual growth came with succeeding years.

The pastor of this church was made glad by these visitations, and the demands they made upon him were his opportunity. For every department of parish work he was indeed abundantly fitted. He was an administrator, a counselor, a comforter. In all perplexing conditions that arose, he carried a warm heart, a clear head, a steady hand. And yet, I always think of him first as a preacher of the truth—not in the sense of being a light in a great city drawing the crowd, but as one thoroughly grasping the truth and so presenting it to others that they would see it and be made better by it. He had been a teacher for a time before taking up the duties of a parish, and he was skilled in the art of imparting knowledge. When I knew him once preparing a handbook in mental philosophy for the instruction of his children, I was sure he could prepare one in natural science, in language, or in history as well. But I knew that the study of the human mind was his peculiar delight; and so, when he stood in the pulpit, his great joy was to reach men with the truth of God.

He himself had been instructed, as most of the ministers in the Association at the time had been, by that eminent teacher, Dr. Nathaniel W. Taylor. And Taylorism, to use a term once somewhat in vogue, has been

well characterized as common sense applied to theology. The day had gone by when the attention of the people was taken up by the efforts of the pulpit to reconcile the inconsistencies of the so-called Calvinistic teaching. If such inconsistencies had been accepted on the plea that there must be mysteries in theology, Dr. Taylor said, "Yes, mysteries, but must there be *nonsense* in theology?" And he protested that the cry of mystery should never be raised as a cloak for absurdity.

Verily, it was the clearness of his own thought, the just application of the specific truths in specific cases, which his hearers needed to know and feel and practise, that made Mr. Wright so edifying a preacher. The truth, vital in his own experience, became vital in other souls. Thus he called men to repentance. Thus he fed the flock of God. If any among his hearers were bowed under the weight of sin, perplexed over questions of doctrine and duty, troubled to understand their spiritual condition, like Bunyan grievously "tumbled up and down in their minds," he was a teacher to clarify their views of truth, to lead them to the simplicity of faith, the joy of an immortal hope.

Some matters are discussed in these days, with reference to our Christian faith, which had little attention forty years ago. Mr. Wright, were he now here, would doubtless treat these discussions with due respect, for he was a progressive man, while nothing would deter him from the present imperative duty to proclaim the truth as it is in Jesus. Even then he was accustomed to say, "We must leave some things to the scholars; we have not time for everything. We must take results from those who have time and facilities for complete investigation." Yet one thing is sure: no discussion or

speculation *about* the Scriptures would lead him to miss the priceless treasures they contain.

We take the grain from the fields, the timber from the forests, the granite and marble from the quarries, the gold and the silver from the mines, regardless of the question how old the earth is, by what long and varied processes it has come to its present state, how deep down we must penetrate to reach the molten mass within, or whether or not it be solid all the way through. The theories of the geologists can never make the earth other than it is. So with the sacred Book. It is here, it is ours. All the studies of the critics cannot make the Bible other than it is. They may tell us something about its origin which we have not known. They may help us to a clearer understanding and a more profitable use of its contents. But the more we know, the more shall we be sure that the Word of God abideth forever. And so we say to the honest investigator, go on with your researches; tell us what you know, and what you do not know keep to yourself, while the church goes on praying and singing as our fathers sang:

> How precious is the Book divine
> By inspiration given,
> Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
> To guide our souls to Heaven.

The time permits me not to say more. When all is said that one might say, still one feels that all is not said. To know Mr. Wright was to know him as his people knew him who heard the word from his lips, who welcomed him to their homes, who saw his devotion to all that made for the prosperity of the community, and who in the manifold experiences of daily life received

his benediction. It was to know him as his brethren knew him when they met to counsel together and to pray for the welfare of the churches. Even now I seem to hear his voice as I recall the sermon he preached at the Consociation in Essex in 1857, from the text (Phil. iv: 3), "Help those women which laboured with me in the gospel"— a sermon on true coöperation in Christian service which went to all our hearts.

It remains for me only to congratulate this church yet once more on his efficient ministry—that he came when he did, that he stayed as long as he did, and that "being dead he yet speaketh."

Allow me to repeat the closing paragraph of the discourse given in this church a few weeks after his decease: "With our tribute to this devoted pastor we record an expression of sympathy for the people whom he served so faithfully, giving to them the strength of his best days. May this ancient church be early blessed with another as worthy of a place in the succession of its honored ministry as was he who has now finished his course." And now, dear friends, looking back along the years which have passed since that day, I rejoice with you in the signal proof they have given that God answers prayer.

THE DEACONS OF THE CHURCH

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EMERSON says, there is no history, it is all biography. Carlyle says, the history of the world is the biography of its great men. So the history of Haddam for two hundred and thirty-eight years is not so much the record of the changes that have come over the face of the township; for, aside from the clearing of the forests and cultivating the soil, there is not so much of change to note, and little we would wish to change. The same majestic river winds through this picturesque valley among these beautiful hills, but all these were here before the white man took possession, and were a source of pleasure and inspiration to

> The poor Indian, whose untutored mind
> Sees God in clouds and hears him in the wind.

It is not the river that flows on forever, but the men who have come and gone—it is what they have accomplished, especially their religious work, that we would commemorate to-day.

The history of the town is the history of the church, and the history of the church is the biographies of the twenty-eight men and their descendants and successors who settled here in 1662, and honored God's law in establishing and maintaining the religious worship in the plantation.

My pleasant duty it is to speak of the deacons who for the past two centuries have served this church. Of these twenty-seven deacons, five are living: twenty-two have passed to the other side. The oldest of these was Deacon Elisha Cone, who died at the age of ninety and nine years and six months; the youngest, Deacon Fiske Brainerd, who died at the age of forty-three, after a service of four months. Their average age was about seventy-four years. This would seem to indicate that the deacon lives beyond the average of human life. The ninety-first Psalm is the deacon's Psalm. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. With *long life* will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." These Hurs, who sustain the hands of the weary pastor; these armor-bearers, like the first patriarch, are also blessed in their families. Of Abraham it was said, "For I know him that he will teach his household and his children after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." Please note the quality of the deacon's sons in this list.

The date of appointment of the first four deacons of this church is not known. The first was Deacon Daniel Brainerd, the proprietor. He was the ancestor of all the large family of this name in this country. He came to Hartford from England when he was eight years old, and from there to Haddam when he was about twenty-one years old, and became a prosperous and influential citizen. He was the largest landholder in the plantation, owning, besides other properties, nearly all of what is now the thriving village of Higganum. He married Hannah Spencer of Lynn, Mass., by whom he had eight children, seven sons and one daughter. He

died April 1, 1715, at the age of seventy-four. His monument, a plain, brown-stone slab, is in the old burying-ground, and is the oldest in town, save one, that of a man from Chester who died in 1711. Dr. Field, early in this century, estimated the Brainerd family at three thousand. By this time they must be like the sands of the sea, and among them, living and dead, are many eminent names from all walks of life. Of the twenty-seven deacons of the church, nine have been Brainerds. Deacon James, the fourth deacon, was the second son of Deacon Daniel; Deacon Elijah was the seventh deacon, and a grandson of Deacon Daniel; and Deacon Hezekiah was a son of Hezekiah, the seventh son of Daniel Brainerd, and the eighth deacon of the church. Nor is this all: Deacon Daniel Brainerd's first son, Daniel junior, was deacon of the East Haddam church, besides which, Oliver P. Smith, the twenty-first deacon, was half Brainerd. We now have the Brainerd blood in the wives of Deacon Rogers and Deacon Odber, and in the veins of our junior deacon is the same blue blood. Deacon Joseph Arnold was the son of Joseph, an original settler.

Deacon Thomas Brooks, the son of Thomas, an original settler, a blacksmith, had an only son Thomas, who was the fifth deacon, and he lived in the old red house which used to stand near the present house of Cephas Brainerd. Deacon Brooks sold this property to Rev. Eleazer May.

Elisha Cone was ordained as deacon in 1742. He lived to the great age of ninety-nine and a half years, and served the church sixty-seven years—"and he died."

Rev. Thomas Robbins of Norfolk supplied the pulpit in Haddam about 1802–1803, and after the death of Rev. Mr. May received an urgent invitation to become their pastor, which he declined. He kept a diary which

has been published, of which a copy is in the State Library. Under date August 3, 1803, he notes: "Saw Deacon Cone of this town mowing. He is nearly ninety-four years old, and has been an ordained deacon sixty years. Visited a school. Read the Bible."

Deacon Elijah Brainerd, son of Elijah, son of Deacon Daniel the first, was in office from July 12, 1759, until his death, May 9, 1764, at the age of fifty-eight.

Colonel Hezekiah Brainerd was the son of Hon. Hezekiah, who was a prominent public man (Colonel Hezekiah was also brother of David and John Brainerd, the eminent missionaries to the Indians). He was Town Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and a colonel of militia. His wife was Mary Fiske, the daughter of Rev. Phineas Fiske. A son of Hezekiah was a noted physician, eminent as an inoculator for smallpox. He had a "pock-house" a mile west of his residence, by the woods near Niggertown. He was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. The widow of Dr. Hezekiah Brainerd left a bequest of $500 to the church. Deacon Hezekiah died December 14, 1774, aged sixty-seven.

Deacon Joseph Smith was the grandson of Simon, a first settler, and served eighteen years.

Deacon Nehemiah Brainerd, second, was a graduate of Yale. He was a grandson of Hon. Hezekiah, and son of Rev. Nehemiah, and was prominent in public affairs, Clerk of the Town, Justice of the Peace, and representative to the General Assembly of the State. He was deacon sixteen years, and died in 1807, at the age of sixty-six.

Eliakim Brainerd was a captain of militia, and in service of the government in the Revolutionary War. He was deacon from 1784 until 1806. His death, at eighty-

three, occurred in 1815. He was the great-grandfather of Cephas Brainerd, our presiding officer to-day.

Jonathan Huntington was ordained deacon in April, 1806, and served in the old church thirty-eight years until the church at Higganum was organized in 1844. He was appointed deacon in the new church and served until his death, September 2, 1848, at the age of seventy-eight. Deacon Huntington was a man of medium height, erect and stout. He was a graduate of Yale, engaged in mercantile business as well as agriculture. He was an important man in matters of the town, and repeatedly representative to the legislature. He was a member of the convention that formed the State Constitution in 1818. He was a specimen Puritan, grave and severe in demeanor, a man of dignity and character. He was first, last, and all the time a warm friend of his pastors, Drs. Marsh and Field. The latter, though of the same general make up, dignified and severe, enjoyed humor, and would indulge in a hearty laugh when occasion compelled it. On one occasion, at an after-dinner interview at the house of Deacon Huntington, David and Jonathan were communing together, and at some remark made by the deacon, the doctor laughed very loudly. The deacon said to him, "Dr. Field, it is undignified for you to laugh so loudly." Dr. Field then laughed louder than before, in which the good Deacon Jonathan was obliged to join—but David exceeded. Deacon Huntington was the first superintendent of the first Sabbath-school, organized by Dr. Marsh in 1819.

Deacon David Hubbard lived in the Ponset district. From 1806 to 1836 he was associated with Deacon Huntington. He died at the age of eighty-seven.

Deacon James Walkley of Walkley Hill was in service

from 1819 to 1839—twenty years. He was a diligent, prosperous business man, a man of peace. He was the father of Selden and James C. Walkley, two well-known and useful business men. His only daughter was the wife of Rev. James Noyes, of blessed memory.

Deacon Fiske Brainerd served from February 5 to June 5, 1826, a period of four months. He died at the age of forty-three. He was a son of Deacon Nehemiah, and a brother of General John and Nehemiah, who established "Brainerd Academy" and gave a large sum for the support of the church.

Asa Young was the successor of Deacon Fiske Brainerd, and was deacon from 1826 to 1836, when he removed to Michigan, or, as records say, to Munson, O. He lived by the river in a white house where may still be seen an old cellar. A building used as a dwelling later and recently torn down, called the "White House," was formerly Deacon Young's shop, where he made blocks and other articles of furniture for vessels that were built near by. Deacon Young was a genial, social man, and, though diligent in business, never so hurried that he could not stop to listen to or tell a story. He died at the age of eighty.

Deacon George Smith Brainerd was ordained to office March 5, 1841, together with Benjamin Hopkins Catlin, M.D., and Comfort Cone.

Deacon Catlin served one year and four months, when he removed to Meriden, where he continued to fill the office of deacon in the First Congregational church of that place until his death in 1875 in his seventy-ninth year.

Deacon Comfort Cone served this church three years,

until he removed to Higganum, where he was deacon until his death in 1875. I remember him as an amiable, courteous old gentleman, always inclined to charity.

George S. Brainerd, or Deacon George, as he was called, was a quiet man, positive in his convictions, of sterling integrity and excellent judgment. He was a loyal supporter of the church in its financial and spiritual concerns. He was always present at public Sabbath worship, prayer-meetings, and in Sabbath-school as superintendent or teacher, ready to serve in any place. I remember his large class of young ladies in the northwest corner. Steadily he worked at it;—to a looker-on it seemed as if it must be rather dull, but the interest was steady and continuous. He told me not long before his death that he had reason to believe his whole class had become Christians. Besides farming, Deacon Brainerd was in early life engaged in quarrying, and was the first to refuse to furnish his men intoxicating liquors. When I first came to Haddam, forty years ago, the two deacons were Deacon George and Deacon Cyprian S. Brainerd. This noble pair were faithful and strong men, not alike at all, but one seemed to supply what the other might lack, and in their long service together everything was harmonious. Deacon George S. Brainerd died suddenly, January 27, 1872, aged eighty.

Cyprian Strong Brainerd was a tall man of graceful presence and pleasing address. In early years he was a teacher in the public schools, having taught in Higganum, Portland, and other places. Later he was engaged in quarrying with his brothers, furnishing stone for New York, New Orleans, and other cities, and for heavy masonry at Fort Schuyler, Fort Hamilton, Governor's

Island, Fort Pulaski, and other fortifications. This brought him into contact with prominent army men. Among them he used to mention General (then Colonel) J. K. F. Mansfield, and General (then Major) Robert E. Lee, as being gentlemen with whom it was pleasant to do business. Deacon Brainerd was quite an enthusiast in the practical study of astronomy, and was familiar with the constellations, the fixed stars, the planets and their motions.

He was one of the original trustees of Brainerd Academy, and the last survivor of the old board. He was for many years the efficient superintendent of the Sabbath-school, in which he took a great interest. For more than forty years he was the leader of the choir, and a most efficient chorister. He was a sweet singer and a general favorite with the choir, and the old gallery used to be filled with fine singers. Prompt and punctual, Mary Brainerd always presided at the instrument, performing with such grace, devotion, and with such skilful touch, as to make music that lifted the heart to sublime and devout praise. Deacon Brainerd only wanted a pipe-organ to make him content. How much he knows now of what is transpiring among us we do not say, we do not know, but if he is aware of this fine instrument, the gift of his son, Cyprian S. Brainerd, Jr., as a memorial of the father and mother, he must regard this act of filial piety with the greatest satisfaction and delight. However that may be, it will bring to the mind of this appreciative people these old, tried friends, and will cause the name of parents and son to be remembered by coming generations.

Deacon Brainerd died at the house of a son in Brooklyn, July 18, 1880, at the age of seventy-five. His

modest, faithful wife survived him and died in 1896, at the age of ninety. She bequeathed to the church $500.

Oliver Phelps Smith, who died March 14, 1877, had the office of deacon thrust upon him. He was a modest, diffident man, an able, honest merchant, and universally esteemed. He was devout, sober, grave, temperate, sound in the faith, charitable, patient. At our social meetings he made short prayers and brief exhortations, and they are remembered.

Elihu Bigelow Rogers served as deacon from 1879 to 1881, when he resigned. He had a great affection for the young converts of the revival of 1876, attended their meetings, and afforded them much comfort and encouragement. By reason of infirmities he has been confined to his house for several years past. He is eighty years of age.

Arnold Hazleton Hayden was chosen deacon March 24, 1881, and served until his resignation, May 21, 1885. His mother was a granddaughter of Deacon Eliakim Brainerd.

Deacon John Henry Odber was appointed in 1881, and has earned a good degree by a faithful service of nineteen years.

Miner C. Hazen, M.D., was a deacon for a total of about thirteen years between his first election, August 20, 1885, and his retirement from office in 1899.

Alpheus Williams Tyler has served the church as a deacon since December 20, 1893.

Ephraim Pierson Arnold, our junior deacon, was appointed December 20, 1899.

Three of the deceased pastors and several deacons are buried in the old yard east of the court-house. I viewed the ground yesterday, and read these inscriptions. On

the monument to the second pastor, Rev. Mr. Fiske, the scholar and teacher, the gentle, faithful, zealous minister, and the beloved physician:

Here lyeth
the body of ye
Rev. Phinehas
Fiske. A learned faithful
and zealous minister of
Jesus Christ and pastor of ye
first Church in Haddam
who Departed this
Life October ye 17th
1738 Etatis suae 56

Adjoining is the stone of Deacon Hezekiah Brainerd, Dr. Fiske's son-in-law, the brother of the great missionary:

In memory of
Colonel
Hezekiah Brainerd
who departed this
Life Dec. 14, A.D.
1774 in the 67th
year of his
Age
Death conquers all.

Longfellow has better said:

There is no death. What seems so is transition.
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portal we call Death.

THE EARLY MISSIONARIES

Rev. DAVID B. HUBBARD

MOSES said, "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever." I suppose Moses was right. But I find myself wondering where the fathers are, and how much they know of what is taking place in Haddam to-day. My grandfather and grandmother Brainerd, my grandfather and grandmother Hubbard, my father and mother, all of them, I think, at one time members of this church; have they moved so far out into the other world, or become so absorbed with the joys thereof as to have lost sight of the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows of this church, and of the boy who has come on this anniversary occasion to stand in their place? I know not; but this I know, that if we are in truth the children of God, somewhere and somehow, in the no very distant future, we shall meet, and "We 'll know each other there."

Among the very first things I learned, after I was so kindly invited to come to the old homestead to-day and speak of the early missionaries of this church, was the fact that a niece of David Brainerd, who was the wife of the Rev. Thomas Minor, the first and for over fifty years pastor of the church I am now serving, lived in the same house I have occupied for the last fifteen years. The dust of their bodies lies in the cemetery only a few rods from my door.

I think a very general impression, among our Congregational people at least, has been that the missionary spirit began to be felt and manifest itself about the time of the organization of the American Board, viz., in the early part of the present century; but this is a mistake. This work began when Christ was on earth. He said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And Christians have never wholly forgotten this command, and it is very clear that in the early part of Haddam's history it had unusual force in the minds of some of its inhabitants.

Just above where we now are, perhaps a mile and a half, on the right-hand side of the road, stood a house, back at the first of the eighteenth century, and how long before I know not, in which Hezekiah Brainerd and his wife, formerly Mrs. Daniel Mason, of Lebanon, and a daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Hobart, pastor of this church, began housekeeping, October 1, 1707. Mr. Brainerd was a man of more education than those around him, honored and trusted in political life, and died in the Capitol while attending in his place as senator, May 24, 1727. To this Hezekiah and Dorothy, his wife, nine children were born—five boys and four girls: the first, October 26, 1708, the last, June 7, 1725. Of those five boys it may be said, all were honored, noble men. The oldest, Hezekiah, became prominent in town and State matters, a deacon in this church, and died at the age of sixty-seven. The second, Nehemiah, graduated at Yale College, settled in the ministry at Glastonbury in 1740, and died in 1742. The fifth son and youngest child, Israel, entered Yale College, evidently with the purpose of fitting himself for the ministry, but was not permitted to complete his course of study,

dying of a nervous fever, January 6, 1748. The third and fourth sons, David and John, are the ones with whom I have principally to do on this occasion.

David was born April 20, 1718. Nine years later, his father died, and his mother died when he was but fourteen years old. Thus orphaned, he was cared for by Christian friends in East Haddam until he was nineteen. Then for about a year he seems to have labored on a farm in Durham, his portion or a part of his portion of his father's large estate. In April, 1738, he came to the house of Rev. Phineas Fiske, pastor of this church, evidently for the purpose of fitting for college. In the October following, Mr. Fiske died. He then studied with his brother Nehemiah. His training here with Mr. Fiske was of an ascetic nature, he being advised "wholly to abandon young company and associate himself wholly with grave, elderly people," which counsel he followed, in my judgment greatly to his detriment physically and spiritually. David Brainerd did not need that kind of counsel. Weak physically, naturally inclined to seclusion and gloomy forebodings, he should have had the brightest pictures and the richest promises of God's love continually before him. As it was, we find him from the first to the very last of his religious life wearing himself out with cares and burdens he ought to have cast upon the Lord. His manner of life while with Mr. Fiske, and some months after, he says, "was now wholly regular and full of religion, such as it was; for I read my Bible twice through in less than a year, spent much time every day in prayer and other sacred duties, gave great attention to the preached word, and endeavored to my utmost to retain it; in short, I had a very good outside and rested entirely on my duties, though I was insensi-

ble of it.'' But with these exercises he was not content. Who could be? He experienced nothing from which he could venture to hope that he was a child of God, until Sabbath evening, July 12, 1739. Then, a little more than twenty-one years old, he was attempting to pray in a discouraged state of mind, as if there was nothing in heaven or earth that could make him happy, when ''The glory of the Lord shone,'' not so much ''round him'' as within him. He saw ''light in God's light,'' and marvelled that he had not done so before. He says, ''I felt myself in a new world, and everything about me appeared with a different aspect from what it was wont to do.'' Surely he was a ''new creature.'' But here the wonder begins. Read his diary and you will have the blues from the start almost to the finish. ''A consecrated man,'' you will say, with purpose firm to serve the Lord; ''hungering and thirsting after righteousness,'' while all the time looking backward and inward as though God remembered everything and laid it up against him. Sweet glimpses he had now and then of love and brighter things beyond, and these always strengthened him for greater strides in the heavenly race.

After he had begun his work among the Indians, extracts from a letter to his brother John, who was at Yale College, will, I think, give a fair index to his experience.

Dear Brother: I long to see you, and to know how you fare in your journey through a world of inexpressible sorrow, where we are compassed about with vanity, confusion, and vexation of spirit. I am weary of life, more so, I think, than I ever was. The world appears to me like a huge vacuum, a vast empty space, whence nothing desirable or at least satisfactory can possibly be derived, and I long daily to die more and more to it, even though I obtain not that comfort from spiritual things

which I earnestly desire. Let us faithfully perform that business which is allotted to us by divine Providence, to the utmost of our bodily strength, and mental vigor. Death and Eternity are just before us; a few tossing billows more will waft us into the world of spirits, and, we hope, through infinite grace into endless pleasures and uninterrupted rest and peace.

Brainerd gave himself wholly to convincing men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come, and to showing them the way of life. It mattered not whether he was traveling by day or stopping by night, whether there were few or many, he seized the opportunity to converse with his fellow-creatures on the subject of religion.

His principal business, however, was with the Indians. He began laboring at Kaunaumeek, about twenty miles from Stockbridge, April 1, 1743, and stayed there a year. Afterward, he labored at Crossweeksung, eight miles southeast of Trenton; then at Cranbury, about fifteen miles distant, until the spring of 1747. Then, a feeble man always, his little strength completely failed, and he bade farewell to the church he had formed and the Indian people who had learned to love him for his works' sake. Slowly and painfully he made his way home, thence to Northampton to the house of President Edwards, thence to Boston, where for a time he hovered between life and death, finally rallying and doing much work. Afterward he returned to Northampton and breathed his life out sweetly in the home of President Edwards, October 9, 1747, at the age of twenty-nine. So young! and yet so old! To read his diary, learn where he went, how he labored in weakness and in pain, and not read the date, you would surely say, "He must have been three score years and ten."

But did he do the Indians any good? Oh, yes! Many

of them were converted; there was a powerful revival among them, and such as were not converted were brought into a much better condition for future work among them.

John Brainerd, two years younger than David, graduated at Yale in 1746. He took his brother's place among the Indians while his brother was sick, and after his brother's death, was commissioned to go on with the work. He continued as a missionary to the Indians until 1777, covering a period of about thirty-one years. The last three years of his life he spent as pastor of the church in Deerfield, N. J. It is said he would have died with his Indian people, but war came, and a British army, reckless and cruel, broke in upon the field of his labors, and, to mark their special vengeance on the outspoken and active patriotism of the pastor, burned down his church, and also, it is said, his dwelling. Expecting no mercy at the hands of British or Tories, he felt justified in retiring until the storm was past. He died March 18, 1781, and his ashes rest beneath the aisle of the same old church in which he preached the gospel.

He is said to have been his brother's equal in piety. I should say his piety was of a more cheerful kind, and yet even here he was evidently David's brother. He shared, we fear, in the feeble constitution that carried his brother David to the grave at twenty-nine, Nehemiah at thirty-two, Israel at twenty-three, and his sister Jerusha Spencer at thirty-four. Though he himself reached sixty, his whole life seems to have been a struggle with physical infirmity.

Neither John nor David became a missionary to the Indians because there was nothing else for him to do. Both had urgent calls to prominent churches. Theo-

logical dandies would have said they were the "calls of God." These consecrated brothers gave themselves and their substance to God and the red man, and at the time of John's death the Indian church at Brotherton embraced by one account one seventh, by another one third, of the entire population. This is probably as large a proportion as is found to-day in our New England villages. The manner of work, or style of preaching among the Indians, according to David's language, was "To lead them into a farther view of their utter undoneness in themselves; the total depravity and corruption of their hearts; that there was no manner of goodness in them; no good dispositions or desires; no love to God nor delight in his commands; but on the contrary, hatred, enmity, and all manner of wickedness reigned in them. And at the same time to open to them the glorious and complete remedy provided in Christ for helpless perishing sinners, and offered freely to those who have no goodness of their own, no works of righteousness which they have done, to recommend them to God." I doubt if there has been any improvement since upon this general plan for the salvation of either Indians or white men.

From the position of trust John Brainerd occupied in connection with Princeton College, from his writings, such as I have been able to read, and from the testimony of eminent men concerning him, I judge him equal, if not superior, in intellect and good common sense to his brother David. Of both of them it should be written, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

The biographer says, "Crossweeks, Bethel, and Bro-

therton, like Ephesus, Antioch, and Thyatira, have lost the praying men and women who once dwelt there; but these places still constitute sacred shrines in the memory of the church, and by the recorded history of the holy men who labored in them, will to the end of time radiate light upon the world. Henry Martin, Carey, and many other missionaries, Robert Hall, Thomas Chalmers, and other great minds of earth, have borrowed inspiration and models of holy living from the lives and labors of the Brainerds among the pines of New Jersey." Here in the Haddams they speak yet.

I was surprised to learn that they head the list of thirty-two ministers, possibly more, who have been raised up on the original territory of this town. The record is a good one, for it includes such names as Henry M. Field, D.D., Joseph Harvey, D.D., Elihu Spencer, D.D., H. M. Parsons, D.D., Nathaniel Emmons, D.D., and Edward Dorr Griffin, D.D. But this is not all, neither is it half. The thousands of Christians who have lived and are still living have had breathed into them a little more of the "Breath of Life," and have gone in the strength thereof with a little more zeal than would have been the case had David and John never lived.

These men sleep, and, no one doubts, "the sleep of the just." White men praise and magnify their names. Old Haddam is glad to call them her sons, and would do herself honor to mark the place of their birth with some lasting memorial. Indians many have died who were taught by those apostles that there was something better than chasing the deer and scalping the foe, and who for many a long year have been having greater delight in the heavenly fields than they ever dreamed of having in their "Happy hunting-ground." No good

Indian except a dead Indian! The Brainerds did n't think so, and we would n't think so had the Indian always been treated as he should have been. I sympathize with the Indian. I am told there is Indian blood in my veins. I don't doubt it, for I feel the blood boil, Indian fashion, within me when I think of the wrongs done that people. Had there been more Davids and Johns, there would have been more praying and laboring and saving, and less cheating and shooting and driving the poor red man and his squaw from the land to which they had the *first* and *best* claim.

THE HOMES OF THE PASTORS

EVELINE WARNER BRAINERD

MUCH has been said of those who laid out the home lots of Haddam; little is known of those who carried on the homes. Much is told of those who preached on Sunday; little of the wives who criticized the sermons on Saturday. Elizabeth Hobart, Mrs. Fiske, Sybil Huntington May, Submit Dickinson Field, Mrs. Marsh: these were names that in their own times meant to the people of our town what the names Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Lewis are in the memory of those here to-day.

So usual has church ownership of the manse become that it seems as though this had been always the custom, and it is a surprise to find that here at least the possession of a minister's house by the church or ecclesiastical society dates back but about sixty years. This is the latest of three methods of providing the minister's home. The others, that of giving a house and lot, or giving settlement money wherewith the clergyman might purchase his home, were the arrangements belonging to the days of long pastorates, when the settlement was the commencement of a life work.

Of the land marked off for "the minister," "the first minister," "the parsonage," "the parsonage forever," it is unlikely that any ever served for home lot. It is a curious and pleasant coincidence that the recent bequest to this church comes from a descendant of the

man, Joseph Arnold, who gave part of his own home lot for the home of the first minister. This dwelling, built by the town, is the only case, till this century, of the public ownership of the parsonage. Mr. Willoughby used it probably less than two years, and the only suggestion of the home, save the fact that two little children, Mary and Jonathan, Jr., were therein, is gathered from an order in the year following his departure, that out of money still due Mr. Willoughby be deducted Goodman Whitmore's bill for "fearidge," which one fancies to mean the moving of the few household goods across the "great river."

Mr. Willoughby's house became the town meeting-place and, probably, the church for the succeeding six years; for, with the coming of Mr. Noyes, the town promised him the house and lot in case "he should see cause to settle with us six years from this time forward in the worke of the gospell," and it was ordered that "in case Mr. Noyes see cause to make use of the house or lote . . . he give the town convenient warning before taking the house holy to himself." Mr. Noyes gave two years' warning, and in the meantime, perhaps, it was that he dwelt on a "highway on the way to the great hill where persons dig stones." This certainly sounds like the road running from the school-house to the quarries, and on this high land, doubtless lay Aaron Cleveland's lot, described eighty years later as on Noyes's Hill. What was cooked in the wide fireplaces of the Willoughby house and the house "on the hill" can readily be imagined when it is known that Mr. Noyes's salary came in the four forms of wheat, pease, pork, and Indian corn. From the records one learns of the land fever that curiously possessed this bachelor

parson. Mr. Noyes had uncleared acres given him as "freeman" of the town, but he also bought, and we read of a home lot on the first town road and another, with a house upon it, lying a little north of Benjamin Kelsey's. The history of one piece tells with what affection he regarded his parish. It was the town's gift to the first minister. On leaving, Mr. Noyes said he should present it to the first young man settled over the Haddam church. Thirty-two years did he hold it, till the coming of young Phineas Fiske.

Rumor says that the Rev. John James was bookish, a statement not contradicted by the negative testimony, that of absence of deeds, suggesting that his tastes did not run with his predecessor's into real estate. The town offered him the house of the former minister, "the horshard," and pasture for one year, and the house was to be fitted up, and the pasture fenced as high as "the horshard," while he was to have the pasture-land or let the town improve it for him. In the spring he was to have twenty-two pounds and the firewood for the next year.

This first parsonage had disappeared before the coming of Mr. Hobart, and the year following his arrival a house was built for him. The frame was to be ready in March, the nails in May, and three years later the house and land were given outright to the pastor. If study has not led far astray, this house stood on the corner lot across the turnpike from the church, now the Clark place. Mr. Hobart's widow sold it to her "beloved son Hezekiah Brainerd," and when he in turn sold it to Benjamin Smith there was reserved on the northernmost corner a place for a Sabbath house for him and his family and heirs forever. Fifty pounds a year in

provision pay had been offered as an inducement to settle, and Mr. Hobart had also what seemed to cause much trouble, eighty loads of wood delivered at his house by November tenth each year. He was an elderly man when he came to Haddam. One son was grown and away, but the little girl, Dorothy, wandered among the "fruit trees, fences, herbage, and waters" that the old deed records. In time she, a young widow, brought to the parsonage the little Jeremiah Mason, the grandfather of the renowned lawyer Jeremiah Mason, and by and by, when she had gone to her new home on the bend of the river below Higganum, the children of Hezekiah Brainerd must have brightened what one can but fancy was a sober home.

With the church and the Hobart house together, it was natural that the next parsonage—that for Mr. Hobart's assistant, Phineas Fiske—should be near. Its well, allowed by a town vote "provided it be kept well curbed," known, till recent years, as the Fiske well, lies on the highway, north of Mr. Rogers's place. Opposite stood the dwelling, near that of Mrs. Williams. Nine acres constituted the original property, but Parson Fiske's orchard and barn were across the road, and there stood the three rows of apple trees especially mentioned in the deed. The plans for the house were carefully made and carried out. One town meeting was called "chiefly for the methodizing the building and finishing of Mr. Fiske's house." Mrs. Fiske is the only one of the parsonage mistresses whose share in its management is visible to the public, but it is easy to imagine hers in the changes in the house plans that the young minister asked. The lean-to became not a mere lean-to, but a shed running up square as high as the

main house and a peaked roof, and an attic or loft were requested, all of which the town fathers "freely allowed." From the dimensions one guesses the house to have been of the typical style, two square front rooms, a small hall and stairway, with the lean-to forming the kitchen and pantry in the rear. There were six children at the parsonage, and near lived John Fiske, the clergyman's brother, and a house full of cousins. There is no happier picture in our annals than this of the parsonage from 1714 to 1738. The pastor found time for tutoring, and two of the ministers raised by Haddam were trained in this study. They gained not only wisdom but wives, Abigail Fiske marrying Chiliab, and Elizabeth, Nehemiah Brainerd. Mary, the baby who came to Haddam in 1712, married Nehemiah's brother Hezekiah, and that other son of Dorothy Hobart, their brother David, came, in his turn, from what we call Riverside Farm, to be taught by that scholar and gentleman, Parson Fiske. He lived at the parsonage during the last year of Mr. Fiske's life, and the life there, as described by his journal, is fitly summed in that advice of the teacher to his pupil, "Wholly to abandon young company and associate himself with grave and elderly people." To us the further history of this house after that sad October 14, 1738, is interesting. At first Mrs. Fiske still dwelt there, and the town records, with pathetic meaning underlying the bare words, "Paid Mrs. Fiske two pounds for entertaining Sunday ministers." The one son, Samuel, but recently back from Yale, lived only four years. Then the ownership was divided between the four daughters. But Elizabeth's husband died and she and the little Nehemiah, Jr., returned to the old home. Nehemiah in time bought the right of his aunts, and his

sons, whom we all know as Nehemiah and General John Brainerd, gave their great-grandfather's home to their only brother, Deacon Fiske Brainerd.

About the time of Mr. Cleveland's settlement it was decided to sell the parsonage lands, as they were called. So Mr. Cleveland's arrangement has no mention of land, or house, or firewood, but only of money, of which, owing to the dearth of that article, he enjoyed little. He purchased several "parcells" of land, two of them having houses upon them, but that which legend has always called his dwelling stood in the "Old House Lot" at the top of Jail, or better, Noyes's Hill, where the roads from the school-house and the Red Store intersect. Gnarled apple trees tell that the pasture was once a home lot. The cellar hole is still visible, while the timbers of the old house now form the frame of a red barn, standing on what became the homestead of Parson May.

The windows of the Cleveland house must have looked on a winding length of river and long wooded slopes encircling the village in the valley. It is one of the loveliest views in the region, and one would naturally draw an inference as to the effect of nature on the childish mind if dates did not, with indifference to the best theories, state that Aaron, Jr., one of Connecticut's poets, left Haddam at the age of two.

Joshua Elderkin rented much of what still remained of the parsonage land and built a "Mansion House" on the east of the street, about a quarter of a mile southeast of the church, or near the present cemetery. It is possible that the name, "the parsonage," which long clung to the lot above the "Home" where General Brainerd cut his stone, refers to this ownership, and research has verified this supposition. Mr. Elderkin's health giving

way, he was forced to leave, and the sale of the dwelling to Samuel Clark refunded the town for its settlement money.

Parson May came in two or three years, bought the place to the east of the Church Green of his day, and there built for his bride what is known in one family at least as the "Old Red House." It stood on the crest of the hill close to the present turnpike. This road was laid out in its later days, and Parson May's maples were set close against the new fence; but when the house was built the road ran much on a line with that to the present parsonage, and the red door with its white decorations looked out on a wide yard. It was a large house, arranged as we take it was Parson Fiske's. A house so full of children it proved, that one is glad for Mrs. Sybil when the church was built on the green before her door. Even with it so near, it must have been a task to marshal that flock at the proper moment into the pew that the ecclesiastical society asked her husband to choose for his family.

On the death of Parson May came Mr. Field, with his young wife to the little house, torn down in recent years, opposite the school-house. Most of us know how it looked, a tiny yard separating it from the street, a heavy stone chimney peering above the short front roof, and within, one of the finest corner cupboards. The second home, the square white house, burned some years ago, that stood on the site of Zechariah Brainerd's dwelling, was built by Dr. Field. David Dudley helped in the moving, and later Timothy, Stephen, Jonathan, and Matthew ran about the street barefoot, on errands for their mother, just as do our boys to-day. The rows of

elms that make the spot, though shut from sight of the river, one of the prettiest in the street, were set by Mr. Field.

Dr. Marsh bought the place that to the last generation bore his name, that opposite the May house, behind the old meeting-house, and to him we owe the beautiful elms of the green. The story of the cold water raisin' is too well known to be here repeated, but it seems particularly appropriate that on Dr. Marsh's place, near the upper "Sabba' day house," a spring, still famed for its water, was considered on Sundays the especial property of Dr. Marsh's flock, and the day's program had not been carried out till its water had been tasted.

The ecclesiastical society hired this place for Dr. Marsh's successor, Dr. Clark, and also for Dr. Field on his return in 1837. Here those who had been children in the homes farther down the street, returned as men and women, and one of the younger, Rev. Henry M. Field, came to preach in his father's pulpit. Before this time the brothers Nehemiah and General John Brainerd had offered the Marsh place to the church, and the gift was now made. It was a large house, and Mr. Cook, who came here a bachelor, preferred to bring his bride to what was then a smaller house, now that of Mr. Charles T. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Colton boarded in the home of the village doctor. When Mr. Wright came it was decided to make a sale of all church property. Mr. Wright hired for a time the house then standing beside the court-house, before the old burying-yard; then the stone house; and then the ecclesiastical society bought the present parsonage, built by Chauncey Clark. There were children in this home also, one going

forth in '61, never to return. And in those years, under Mr. and Mrs. Wright, the parish learned to look on their new parsonage with affection; and in the years that have since passed, it has been known as to-day we know it as the house of the beautiful flowers, the home where willing help and wise counsel may be had for the asking.

ADDRESS

EDWARD W. HAZEN

MR. CHAIRMAN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Our president has introduced me in connection with the subject "Our Young Men." As full discretion was given me to choose my own subject, my remarks may not closely follow the subject suggested.

Most of your faces are familiar to me, and for your encouragement I wish to say that I am limited to about five or six minutes.

Have you ever tried to recall your actions for the previous day? How fully have you succeeded in bringing back all the details? If you are able to remember one day, try to recall two, then one week, then one year. How much can you recall of your daily life ten years ago? Only the merest skeleton. But how about two hundred years? All the history that we have from every source is only a suggestion of a very few prominent points—the milestones of the influence of this church covering over seventy-three thousand days. Think of the prayers, the sacrifices, and the struggles put forth during this time—the only record of which is on high—each influence still operating and reaching all over this country.

Our present pastor first came here by boat (or stage) in September, 1871, and in January, 1872, was ordained in this edifice. This was just about the time the Con-

necticut Valley Railroad was construeted. He eame here in the full vigor of young manhood, and has given this people his love and devoted serviee for twenty-nine years. His training and abilities fitted him for positions in the eommereial world that command many times the remuneration received here, but remuneration for life's work does not all come upon this earth. That man is richest who has the greatest number of jewels in the crown awaiting him.

The chureh membership January 1, 1872, was one hundred and twenty. Thirty-two of them still remain on the roll. During these twenty-nine years one hundred and ten persons have been added to the ehureh, of which only fifty-nine remain, thus making the present membership ninety-one; and twenty-five of these are actually absentees who prefer to keep their conneetion here rather than unite with the ehurehes where they are aetively interested.

Those who are familiar with the history of the eommunity during this period will note that the membership of the ehureh is larger to-day in proportion to the ehureh-going population than in 1872. During the winter of 1875 and 1876 a revival of great power manifested itself, and stirred every person of mature years in the community. This was preeeded by months of earnest prayer and intelligent effort by the pastor and his devoted wife; also by the handful of aetive workers in the ehureh and Sunday-school. I remember that I personally received two very touehing letters from Mrs. Lewis urging me to beeome a Christian. As a result of this awakening, forty-seven persons were added to the church roll during 1876.

Of these forty-seven persons, I think, thirty-seven are

living to-day, and yet only nine are left in this community. Thus you see most of them are actively interested in church work elsewhere. Following this revival, by the exercise of the faculty for organization, and the wonderful ability to teach possessed by our pastor, the foundation for many useful Christian lives was laid. This was some time before Mr. Clark started the Christian Endeavor movement; but, seeing the need of the hour, our pastor established a weekly Young People's Meeting for Saturday night. These meetings were so well sustained by the young people that often time was not sufficient to give all an opportunity to take part. This movement did not in the least interfere with the attendance and support of the regular Thursday night meeting.

As time passed on, one after another left town, leaving the active work to a few.

I have purposely avoided personal references, but cannot close my remarks without paying tribute to our noble departed brother, Cephas Brainerd, Jr. He was with us during only a part of each week in the summer, but his presence always brought strength and encouragement to the church work here. In the great city of New York he was loved and respected by all who knew him, and few men of his years had so large a circle of acquaintances. He was active not only in his profession, but in church and Y. M. C. A. work in that city. He has gone to his reward, but his influence still lives.

ADDRESS

Rev. WILLIAM C. KNOWLES

My Friends: In the language of the Book of Common Prayer, I greet you as "dearly beloved brethren."

Having been kindly invited to make a few remarks on this occasion, what few words may be said will relate more particularly to the people of Ponsett.

The exterior of the old meeting-house, which remained standing some years after its abandonment as a place of worship, I can well remember; of the interior, however, I have no remembrance. My earliest recollection of going to meeting was with my parents at the white school-house in Higganum, after that society was set off from the old parish.

In this church—not this building, but in those that preceded it—all the inhabitants of Ponsett attended service for many generations; and their dead were brought to Haddam for burial until 1761.

A little more than a century ago, a Methodist society was organized in the western part of the town. The Methodist church in Ponsett supplied a long-felt want. Many families availed themselves of its privileges, and did well in doing so. It was no small undertaking for the inhabitants of that portion of the town to go of a Sunday morning six or seven miles for worship. But many families still continued to attend this church; and even at as late a date as the setting off of the Higga-

num Society, a few individuals refused to sever their connection with the old parish.

Again we find the times have changed. We are not taking the long walks, or rides even, to attend divine service that our ancestors did, and St. James's Church, Ponsett, supplies another means of grace to those who prefer the Liturgy of the Mother Church.

On the road running west from the old meeting-house stood the Ponsett "Sabba' day house," where the worshipers resorted for warmth and luncheon.

Churches were poorly heated, if heated at all, in those days. I once heard my great-grandmother say that our old meeting-house was the first place of worship in which she ever saw a stove, and she came to Haddam in 1793. Hence the necessity of the "Sabba' day house," in which a fire was kindled on the hearth before morning service, where the people warmed themselves, and, when the ladies had filled their tin foot-stoves with coals, they were ready to go into the church.

Something over one hundred years ago, Miss Susannah and Miss Catharine Hubbard, the blind daughters of Jeremiah and Alice Shailer Hubbard, were members of the choir. They were very remarkable women. Dr. Field says of them, "They were singers and conversant with the Scriptures and Dr. Watts's Psalms." I have been told these women could, on returning from church, repeat the sermon entire.

I never believed that story until to-day, for I had supposed Mr. May's sermons were of unusual length; but Dr. Munger told us this morning that they were very short—so short, in fact, that I can now readily believe that these blind women, not being disturbed by vision (for they never saw daylight), might so imprint them

upon their memories as to be able to repeat them. These sisters lived to be very aged, Miss Susannah dying in 1827, at the age of ninety.

The first death recorded on the parish register in 1804, the year Dr. Field was ordained, was that of my grandmother, Mrs. Judith Knowles. She was buried in a blinding snowstorm, with no minister to perform the last sad rites. Mr. May was dead and Dr. Field had not entered upon his duties as pastor.

The first person to call on Dr. Field for the purpose of conversing on the subject of personal religion, was Miss Mary Hubbard of Ponsett. She was one of the few who refused to unite with the Higganum Society, preferring to live and die in the old church. In her old age she used to ride to church in an ox-cart. On Sunday morning, her husband, for she had married, would take off the cart body, putting on a plain box instead, and in it the old couple would ride from Ponsett to Haddam, to attend divine service. One incident I have never forgotten. My mother was called one Sunday evening to watch with a sick neighbor and left me, then a small boy, in care of this aged couple. After I had been snugly put in bed, I heard the old lady say to her husband,—and oh, how hard it was for her to say it!—"We shall have to give up going to meeting; there is no place for the oxen, and we are getting old." There was still another trouble—the boys bothered them. There were boys in Haddam then, as there are now, and the unusual sight of an ox-team on Sunday aroused their curiosity and excited merriment. She died at my father's house in 1850. The Rev. Mr. Cook officiated at the funeral.

Stephen Tibbals, Esq., who gave the solid silver tan-

kard for the communion service, was from Ponsett. So also was Deacon David Hubbard, who for many years faithfully performed the duties pertaining to his office, and whose grave is with us.

As a native of Ponsett and a descendant of the early members of this church, I feel a deep interest in its welfare. The fervent piety and sincere devotion of many of its members give us cause for thankfulness. The dying words of Mrs. Susannah Hubbard, who died in 1719, have been handed down to her posterity. She was said to have been very pious, and on the night in which she died, taking notice that the watchers looked for the dawning of the day, she observed, in the language of the Psalmist, "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they who watch for the morning." Such is one instance of the piety brought forth by this church in the days long gone by. The like I trust has been exhibited in all the intervening years down to the present day. It was my privilege a few days ago to converse with the oldest member of this church, a woman who has seen one hundred years and been well on to fourscore years a member of this church. Her long walk in close communion with her God, her long continuous growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, made me feel like a child who would gladly sit at her feet as a learner.

Here my own ancestors worshiped for many generations. Here they "heard of heaven and learned the way." *They* were Congregationalists. *I* became a Churchman. The Prayer Book declares the church to be "the mystical body of Christ, which is the blessed company of all faithful people." Such is the language of the Liturgy, and I came here to-day to rejoice with you and to wish you prosperity; and (in the words of the

Collect) I pray that God will visit you with his love and favor; that he will enlighten your minds more and more with the light of his everlasting Gospel; that he will graft in your hearts the love of his name, increase in you true religion, nourish you with all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GREETING FROM "THE OLDEST CHURCHES"

Rev. AZEL W. HAZEN, D.D.

IN bringing to you the salutations of "the oldest churches," it is my painful duty to remind you that there are twenty-nine churches in our Commonwealth which were born before you saw the light of day. Thus, let us hope that my few words may be salutary, as well as salutatory, inasmuch as they may guard you against too high exaltation in view of your venerable age.

However, candor requires me to say that there are only three churches in this *county* older than you, and but four in our Conference. These are Old Saybrook, on whose historic Platform we all stand, going back to 1646; Clinton, which by some strategy got itself dated 1667, a year earlier than the First Church in Middletown, 1668, and Old Lyme, 1693.

The church of which I have the honor to be the pastor, is just as old as your township. When Middletown celebrated its two hundredth anniversary in 1850, it fell to one who had been for many years a pastor of this church to give the able historical address. Not a little of the value of that occasion and of its fruits was due to Dr. Field.

Middletown has been closely connected with Haddam in a variety of ways. The highway which joins the towns used to be called the "Haddam Turnpike," and that is still its title among persons of intelligence. Many of

our citizens have made frequent pilgrimages to this town for legal purposes, while others have passed weeks and months as involuntary occupants of your renowned health resort. Again, this town has furnished to ours for more than a century solid building material, both in the form of granite, and of men.

Hence it is with peculiar pleasure that I, in behalf of its older sisters, congratulate this church upon its bicentennial. I congratulate you upon the long, self-denying, faithful labors of your present pastor. I do this with unusual pleasure, since it is now well-nigh thirty years ago that I chanced to call your attention to him as a clergyman suited to your needs.

I congratulate you upon the strong men and women you have here raised up and sent forth to render effective service in other fields. How rich you are in these to-day. (In a whisper, I am moved to rejoice with you that you have had the name of "Hazen" on your records so many years. That title is always not "an evident token of perdition," but a badge of respectability.)

It is inspiring to think of the influence this church has exerted here and elsewhere since it was planted. What other force in this town has borne any comparison with it? It has been on the side of all agencies which have furthered the prosperity of the community.

It was a "Cyprian," doubtless a remote ancestor of the Cyprian who so loyally served this church for a generation in its deaconate, and then of the other Cyprian whose noble memorial of his parents gladdens your hearts on this occasion, who said, "He cannot have God for his Father, who has not the church for his mother." So high an estimate did this martyr of Carthage place upon the church of Christ in the third cen-

tury of our era. What a fountain of benediction has this ancient church ever been, in its noiseless yet most potent witness for the truth of the gospel of the grace of God! May it so long abide here that its present age, hoary as it seems to us mortals, shall be merely its childhood:

Came north, and south, and east, and west,
Four sages, to a mountain crest,
Each pledged to search the wide world round
Until the wondrous well be found.
Before a crag they took their seat,
Pure, bubbling waters at their feet.
Said one: "This well is small and mean,
Too petty for a village green."
Another said: "So small and dumb,
From earth's deep center can it come?"
The third: "This water is not rare;
Not even bright, but pale as air."
The fourth: "Thick crowds I looked to see;
Where the true well is, these must be."
They rose and left the mountain crest,
One north, one south, one east, one west;
O'er many seas and deserts wide,
They wandered, thirsting, till they died.
The simple shepherds by the mountain dwell,
And dip their pitchers in the wondrous well.

GREETING FROM THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CONFERENCE

Rev. ENOCH F. BURR, D.D.

MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN HADDAM: Two centuries do not seem as long to me as they once did. Once they seemed a very considerable part of the Everlasting. Of late, they have sensibly dwindled; but they still continue to appear to me a very respectable period—a period covering some six average human generations and vast chapters of human history.

During this very respectable period the church of Haddam has successfully withstood the attacks of Time and—Satan. I say *Satan;* for the roaring lion that goes about seeking whom he may devour is ever seeking to devour churches as well as individuals; and sometimes he succeeds. But, thank God, he has not succeeded in devouring this church. Nor has that other waster who, under the venerable name of *Time,* makes way with so many old things and deluges the world with change. During the last two hundred years empires have risen and fallen, great wars have come and gone, hosts of inventions and discoveries have largely swept away old things in favor of the new or of nothing. But the old Haddam church has not been swept away. It has defied all enemies, supernal and infernal. It has firmly held its ground until now; witnessing to successive generations the saving Gospel of Christ.

No wonder that you of this generation take a warm in-

terest in such a fact as this. Of course you are glad that the ship in which you are embarked has weathered the storms of two centuries. Of course you are glad to publicly thank the helpful Providence without whose help all ships must founder and go to the bottom; glad to publicly honor the fathers whose faith and sacrifices made this anniversary possible. Of course you wish to retouch the fading pictures of memory; to gather into a sheaf and transmit to future times the profitable lessons taught by the past; to set up, as did men of old, in their Bethels and Jordans, stones of commemoration to say, "Hitherto has the Lord helped us."

In short, you wish to *celebrate;* and have invited the sister churches of the Middlesex Conference to join you in the celebration.

We accept the invitation. It is fitting. You have a right to our fellowship in this matter. It would be neither natural, nor expedient, nor Christian, nor decent to withhold a fellow-feeling and intelligible expression of it at such a time as this. When "birds of a feather flock together"; when all nature, from oysters to stars, appears to us in sympathetic groups, it were something monstrous if neighboring churches having a common Master, a common faith, a common polity, a common object, and largely a common history, should stand aloof from you this day in frigid isolation and indifference. We will not do it. Independency, pure and simple, is a hateful thing. Our fathers did not contemplate it in the Congregational polity. They meant independency qualified and softened and illumined by fellowship. The trees should stand together as a grove, interlocking branches and helping one another defy storms and shelter travelers.

Accordingly, we, the other Congregational churches of Middlesex, come to-day, bringing to you our salutations, congratulations, and felicitations. We shake hands with you. We shake them long and well. We express the hope that you are in excellent health, and that you will be better to-morrow than you are to-day, and better at the end of the next century than you are at the end of this. Allow us to assist in ringing your bells and blowing your trumpets. May your shadow greatly enlarge from century to century! And, from century to century, may sister churches come up to help you celebrate ever brighter anniversaries!

ADDRESS

JAMES N. WRIGHT

IT was near the beginning of the last half-century of the time we celebrate that my father commenced his pastorate of this church.

It must have been in the spring or summer of the year 1855, unless my memory is at fault, that he became your minister.

As I remember it, we drove here, I think, from Glastonbury: most of the family coming together in some sort of a two-seated carryall. Myself a youth at that time, I confess that I had some misgivings, lest in leaving the barren, rugged hills of Burlington, we should fail to find in the new parish, anything quite so pleasant and attractive as they. And I shall never forget, as we came to the summit of the hill which overlooks the town,—"Dickinson Hill," I believe, though I am not sure now as to the name,—and the little hamlet nestled amid the trees, with the silvery river flowing peacefully by, burst upon our view, what a thrill of delight it gave me. I had found the hills again, even more lovely than those I had left, and, in addition, I had gained the river,—the beautiful river, with its ceaseless, unending flow, and its never failing power to attract and charm.

I speak of my own feelings at that time, because I know them to have been the feelings of all.

My father had been born and reared on the banks of this same river, but his home had been on the rich, rolling

meadows, and he must look far away, if he would see the spot where the hill tops touched the distant horizon.

But he loved the hills too: and here the hills and the river met, and he at once took them all, as it were, into his great, loving heart. From the very first, I think, he loved Haddam; and until the day of his death he never ceased to love it and its people, more, I believe, than any place in which, or any people among whom, his lot had been cast before. And it was a happy, delighted little family that drew rein, on that bright, sunny day, at the steps of the old "Hutchinson House," which stood hard by the little "green" where the court-house still stands to-day.

It always seemed to me almost a sacrilege to pull that dear old house down.

To be sure, it stood very near to the old burying-ground; and at times when I had been out late of nights, and was obliged to seek an entrance through its back door, my steps would seem to ring very loud on the hard flag-stones, and a chill and "creepy" feeling would come over me, lest the sound should disturb the slumbers of those who had rested so long there, and their ghosts should appear, to chide me.

I have shuddered as I opened the door of the old kitchen and let myself in quickly, barring it behind me and hastening to my chamber to pull down the window shades before the moonbeams should throw those phantom shadows athwart the pane!

But yet the days were sunny and bright there. I can never think of them otherwise. Indeed, about all my recollections of Haddam are of sunshine and summer.

I can hardly picture it in winter. It seems to me as though there was but little winter.

Once I remember to have driven down from Hartford to Haddam in a "cutter"; but the sun shone brightly, and there was no chill in the air. Once, too, I recollect being one of a sleighing party that drove to East Haddam on the frozen river; but on the next day the ice broke, and the vexed river swept it on to the sea, and then rippled along as placidly as on a summer day.

Once, and only once, do I recall that a great snowstorm fell on the town, and the oxen, and the carts, and the plows were all brought out to clear the road and make a pathway for sleighs and pedestrians.

So I always think, as I prefer to think, of Haddam as a place where the air is soft, and the skies are bright, and the birds sing ceaselessly in the branches of its grand old trees.

I doubt not that you who live here, smile at a statement you deem so absurd, and shiver as you think of the days that count the time from December to March!

But do not rob me of my memory. Let it pass. It cannot harm you, and it is a very pleasant dream for me.

The period at which my father began his ministry in Haddam, might be termed, I think, one of transition: a time when there was a mellowing down of the stern theology, and the rigid rites of a religion which had been handed on from the centuries that had passed. Thoughtful people were beginning to discriminate between the "traditions of the Elders," and the precepts and commands of Jesus Christ himself. Henry Ward Beecher had already risen to fame and influence, and the platform of Plymouth Church was attracting more attention than the pulpits of New England. It was setting a pattern, and a pace, which many of the younger ministers were seeking to follow.

My father was a progressive man. He was always conscious that the world moved, and he welcomed the knowledge which men of learning and of science were daily adding to the world's store. He never had a fear that scientific research would overthrow the truths of the Bible, and if old notions, and time-honored beliefs were set aside by it, he was ready to accept it, if only the demonstration could be shown to be correct. Yet, he was conservative, and he moved very cautiously, when matters of religion or of grave import were concerned. And amid all questionings, and through all the changes of the years, I do not think his orthodoxy could ever be doubted.

The changes which the "Beecherian" era—if it is proper to use that term to designate the condition—introduced to the worship of the churches were many and important.

It brought about shorter sermons, and led to a more familiar and conversational style of preaching, bringing the preacher and his hearers into closer sympathy. It cut away the high pulpit and brought the stately parson down from the cold pedestal which separated him from his listening people.

It encouraged and made easier extemporaneous preaching, where the eye and the hand could assist the voice in riveting the attention of the listener. It shortened, too, the long prayer, making it more earnest and less perfunctory.

It led to the introduction of lighter and more cheerful hymns. Some of them, it is true, were very light indeed: so light that they soared high, and soon were wafted out of the doors and windows to be heard no more by the long-suffering congregation. But there were

others, full of sweetness and tender feeling, that were sung then, and are sung to-day, and bring delight and refreshment to the souls of believers. Such changes as these were welcomed by my father as helps to the people, and as aiding his ministrations to them.

During but a small portion of his pastorate did I remain at home, but from an intimate knowledge, and a strong and sympathetic affection, I think I am able to estimate his character, and to speak of his labors here, with a reasonable degree of accuracy.

And if I were to name the characteristics of his life, and the motives which actuated it, I think I should place chiefest among them the following:

First. An ever present and burdening sense of the responsibilities of his sacred office, coupled with an ardent and longing desire to meet and discharge them all to the full extent of his ability.

Second. A tender, sympathetic, and loving nature, which was ever reaching out to comfort and help those around him, and which made the preaching of "the terrors of the law" always a painful and dreaded duty.

Third. A high sense of honor and justice, which stirred him vehemently, with a "righteous indignation," when he saw those principles ruthlessly violated.

To a conscientious New England minister of the olden type, the "burden of souls," as he was wont to express it, was a load that hung about him with almost crushing weight. He could not shake it off, nor shift it on to the shoulders of others. Constantly in his mind was that saying of our Lord:

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

And by divine authority he had been placed a watch-

man upon one of the walls of Zion to warn the people of their sins, and to lead them into the way of life. Should he fail in the doing of this, he had failed in his great and sacred mission, and possibly made "shipwreck" of his own soul.

As one generation succeeded to another, and as the children of his flock advanced from childhood to youth, and from youth to maturity, if they had not been converted, and united themselves with the church, he felt that he had not accomplished that whereto he had been sent; and the minister's heart was heavy, and his head was bowed. That my father during much of his ministry was perplexed and troubled, at the small visible results that followed his labors, I know full well.

"Revivals" of religion were reported from other towns, and other churches were increasing largely their membership, while the additions to his own church were few, and its condition often best described by that dreaded word, *lukewarmness*. At times I think all that saved him from utter discouragement were the leaves of Holy Writ, from which he would quote for his comfort such passages as these:

"I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase"; and this he felt assured God would do, in his own good time, if only he himself should prove himself faithful.

"And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"; and many times he was well nigh to fainting.

To preach to men of the punishment which he believed awaited the unrepentant sinner, in a future life, was, as I have said, always painful. His affection and sympathy were so great that it was very difficult for him

to do this; and he preached upon this subject only so often as he felt that duty compelled it.

I am sure he would never have done so, had he been able in any way to satisfy his conscience in the omission.

I may not be altogether correct in my recollection, but the impression remains with me that only about once a year did he allow himself to preach to his people a sermon, the subject of which was "hell," or "eternal punishment," as the final destiny of the wicked; and the effect of this on himself, was that of great depression, if not of real illness.

He was greatly pained by the injustice of men, and endeavored, by example and preaching, to instil into their hearts a lively sense of justice, and a keen and manly sense of honor.

Generosity was with him a cardinal virtue; and he ever urged it upon his people, not in the sense of large or extravagant giving, but that every one should give according to his ability to do, and that the *ability* should be faithfully and conscientiously estimated.

He was deeply interested in all that affected not only the religious, but the moral and material welfare of the people: in education; in everything that would beautify and enrich the place; that would make homes more comfortable and pleasant; that would facilitate travel and increase prosperity.

In evidence of this, I wish to quote to you some opening sentences of a sermon or address which he delivered to you at the time of the proposed building of the Valley Railroad. He said:

It is the all comprehensive duty of the minister of the gospel to labor to promote the moral and spiritual interests of his fel-

low men. He is consecrated to that work. Nevertheless, he may, and others for him, take a narrow and mistaken view of his field of activity. He, like other people, is to take the world as it is, and to use whatever wisdom he has in endeavoring to influence men, directly and indirectly, to secure their best, their spiritual good.

He is not forbidden, but obliged to discourse on whatever habits, practices, institutions, stand in the way of his efforts to save men. . . . He is not forbidden, but obliged to advocate and encourage whatever improvements or enterprises tend, though indirectly, to advance the moral welfare of the community.

Such was his belief, and in that belief he was led to take a vital interest in all that affected the welfare of the people, in all that concerned the welfare of the town or of the State. It led him to be deeply interested in the affairs of the nation, and to have decided opinions as to the right and wrong side of questions upon which political parties were divided. These opinions on questions of national policy, or matters which concerned the State and town, he would at times express to his people. I doubt not, he even laid himself open to the charge of preaching "political sermons."

But at all such times, his stern sense of justice, of honor, and of right, was *forced* to triumph over his affectionate and loving heart. And if those who may have been wounded by his words could have known of half the suffering it caused him to utter them, they would never have laid them up against him.

In any attempt to estimate or to gage a minister's influence, or to compute the results which have followed his labors, I feel that failure is so nearly certain, that it had best never be made. The influence is so far-reaching, so subtle, and works so silently to its end, that much of it may never be known. The results of such

labors, too, appear perhaps oftenest in ways which elude the public eye, and at times when the connection between the cause and effect has been lost sight of or forgotten.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

This oft-quoted passage promises not definite or visible results, and so the minister must for the most part wait for this knowledge, until the time shall come when "every man's work shall be made manifest."

In this connection, I am reminded of the words of a clergyman of my acquaintance, which he said to me not long ago, as he was commenting upon his own labors in a church of which he had been the minister for the past decade. He said:

> If we cannot see the results which we had hoped to see, if the church is not as prosperous now as we had expected it to be, or as it was perhaps three or four years ago, it is not a reason for great discouragement. I am comforted by the fact that twice every Sabbath, during all these years, there has been drawn together here a large and attentive congregation, to whom the Word has been preached, and the services of the church administered; that on *every* Sunday sermons have been preached; and the *regular* and *orderly* services and offices of the church, both Sundays and week-days, have not failed to be held: and no man can estimate the amount of good that has been accomplished thereby.

In the main, I think my father relied on the "regular" and "orderly" services of the church, in the ways ordained by it, to carry on his work here. He was in no

way a sensational preacher, and never sought for strange or startling effects.

His methods were those of the "regular" and "orderly" kind, and he multiplied "means" and opportunities only when conditions especially favorable seemed to warrant and justify them. In the matter of "revivals," so called, I think his soul was at times distressed, by reason of his distaste for the unusual means often thought necessary to promote them; and his ardent, longing desire that his own church might experience them. During my own stay here, I do not recall any such radical uplifting of spiritual life in the church as could be properly termed a powerful religious revival.

I do remember, that in the winter of 1857, I think it was, when a general religious awakening prevailed throughout a large portion of New England, that the Haddam church shared in it with others, and that a goodly number was added to its membership.

Though absent from home during the most of that winter, I recall a Sunday spent here, and especially the evening meeting, which was one of unusual interest and solemnity.

After a season of exhortation and prayer, the pastor gave the customary invitation to anxious ones to come forward to the front pew. I sat in one of the center pews, on the north aisle, about two thirds of the way down to the door. Directly opposite me, across the aisle, sat my brother. He sat perfectly still after the invitation was given, making no move toward the front. A few had gone forward, and the pastor repeated the invitation. I knew of the great longing he felt that my brother should on that night take the great step that should seal him an heir of heaven. Still he moved not.

I began to feel a great sympathy for my father, and a rising indignation for my brother.

I looked toward him. Then, I looked *at* him long and sharply. But he gazed straight ahead, avoiding me, or not heeding. I could stand this perversity—this disregard of all our wishes—no longer. I stepped across the aisle, and asked him *why* he did not go up. He made no answer. He moved not a muscle, but continued to gaze past me as before. I think I had forgotten now my sympathy for my father, and my indignation for my brother had burned into wrath. I drew nearer to him, placing myself so that my right arm was concealed as much as possible from the congregation. Then, bending over him, I hissed in his ear, "*Don't* you want to be saved?" while, at the same time, with my fist I delivered him a blow full in the ribs. He heard the venomous words, and he felt the mean, contemptible blow, but he answered not, and he moved not. He was no hypocrite, and he had not reached the condition of a convicted, penitent sinner ready to throw himself at the foot of the cross and cry for mercy; therefore, no feeling of affection for a father, whom he dearly loved, could persuade him to take a step, which for him would have been a fraud and a lie; neither was he to be hammered into the kingdom by the rude fist of a belligerent brother.

I do not know that he ever went forward to the "inquirers'" seat, or that he ever rose in his place, a suppliant for special prayers; but I know this: that on a distant battle-field he did his duty well; that in the hospital he died, with full faith in his father's God; and that his last message to him was, "I shall meet you all in heaven."

This old, familiar place brings vividly to my mind's

eye, that little company of men: the leaders and "pillars" of the church, who, year in and year out, assisted my father in the conduct of those "regular" and "orderly" means of grace. Among these was Deacon George Brainerd, the senior deacon of the church.

At the evening meetings, he was always the first to "rise" in "prayer," and he could usually be depended upon to supplement with a few words the remarks of the minister.

He led the singing at these meetings, and though, as I remember, his range of tunes was not wide, usually beginning with "Peterboro," and ending with "Silverstreet," or beginning with "Silverstreet" and ending with "Peterboro," they were all familiar to the people. Of a kind and genial nature, he yet read me a lesson once, that, as long as I live, I shall never forget.

I had been taught, as was so common then, that young Christians should "take up their cross" on all occasions, and cross-bearing was very generally interpreted to mean, "bearing testimony," or speaking and praying in meeting. Now, as my ancestors for some generations back, had been given to speaking and praying in meeting, it came about that, by some sort of inheritance, I possessed a trait which made "speaking in meeting" to me no cross at all. Consequently, my voice was heard in meeting much too often for the edification of the elect. It happened at one of the neighborhood meetings, which was held at the deacon's own house. After the opening exercises, when the meeting had been thrown open to all, I rose and made some remarks.

I have not now the least idea of what I said, or how long I spoke. I only know that when I sat down, it

was with a feeling of great self-satisfaction,—a consciousness that I had made a very nice little speech.

I had no sooner resumed my seat than the good deacon slowly rose to his feet; with closed eyes and folded hands, his usual attitude for speaking and praying, he said, "The Apostle says, Let all things be done decently and in order." I know not what more he said, it does not matter, but from that text he flayed me alive, and left no doubt in the minds of his hearers, as to who and what he meant. I have often wondered since, whether, if young converts were urged less persistently to take up their cross in meeting, but more earnestly to bear it in labors of love and good works, and to pray more in secret, to their Father who both heareth and seeth in secret, it might not be better for their own souls, and more edifying to the souls of those who attend the prayer-meetings.

Deacon Cyprian Brainerd was another conspicuous "pillar" of the church, as the leader of the choir for many, many years, contributing so prominently and substantially to the "regular" and "orderly" service. With what difficulty and labor he performed those services, so punctually and so continuously, year after year.

How many times he rowed his boat back and forth across the river, and climbed up the hill to the church, it would be hard to compute; but I think that only absence inevitable or illness ever made his place vacant.

As that choir rises before me, I see on one side a long line of fair young women, and behind them are older ones. On the other side, there is a shorter line of men, of various ages, and a few are sitting behind.

As they rise and sing, I can see that the lips of the women are parted, but I cannot see that their lips move.

Of the men, I cannot see that their lips are parted even; and yet somewhere and somehow the sound gets out, and much of it is fresh and sweet and mellow; and Deacon Cyprian's choir in the old Haddam church is accounted one of the best in the towns around.

The erect figure of Major Hayden rises before me. His place was well forward, under the very "droppings" of the sanctuary itself.

I hear his clarion voice, which age had failed to weaken, ring out, as he "raised" the "tune" to the closing hymn on communion Sundays. It was always "Coronation," I believe; and his enthusiasm in singing lent itself to the congregation, and men, women, and children joined together in rolling out the notes of that grand old choral.

"Brother" Oliver Smith, Mr. David Ventres, and there were many others whose names I might recall, but others whose names have passed from my memory, who were my father's supporters and helpers in his work.

But any allusion to the personnel of the Haddam church in the early years of this closing half-century, would be conspicuously lacking, if no mention were made of the name of Uncle Moses Tyler. "Uncle Moses," as he was familiarly called by young and old, was a unique and picturesque character.

My remembrance of him, is that of a man who believed in his religion, and lived it.

To his minister, he was a good friend and counselor; and his life of faith and cheerful hope was ever a source of encouragement and inspiration to him.

The services of the church were his delight. He was "powerful" in prayer and exhortation, and his earnestness and sincerity were so unmistakable that they lent

conviction to his words; while his quaintness and originality held the attention of his hearers.

To Uncle Moses, praise as well as prayer was a part of his spiritual food. He was fond of hymns, and loved to hear them sung on any occasion. It occurred once to the younger members of this congregation to visit Uncle Moses's home at night, and, under his chamber window, sing some of those familiar hymns in which his soul delighted.

They called it "serenading him."

And there they gathered as the hours drew on to midnight, down by the old mill, under the leafy trees, and where the gurgling brook wandered on, until it fell into the lazy wheel, which it forced to labor for the old patriarch, who was so much older, even, than itself.

They sang, "Shall we gather at the river," and "There 'll be no more sorrow there," "Beyond the sighing and the weeping," and the like. Then they listened; listened for Uncle Moses. But Uncle Moses's window was dark, and Uncle Moses himself gave forth no sign.

He, too, was listening, I suppose; listening, perhaps, to the music of his own little brook as it dashed over the pebbles in its rocky bed below. But he was listening, I am sure he was listening, for he said afterward that he heard it all, and that it was heavenly. And the young couples waiting there, in the chilly night, with one shawl wrapped round the shoulders of two persons, a boy and a girl, and drawing them closely together, for the autumn nip was in the air—they, too, thought it was heavenly!

Every New Englander knows how large a part of the social life of these country towns is centered around the church.

At the time we speak of, church parlors and kitchens

were not common, and yet the church was the rallying-point for much of the social activity of the place.

Its meetings were meetings not only for prayer and praise, but they were looked forward to, as times for a friendly chat, and a little harmless gossip when the service was over.

And every Sunday night, from out the shadows of the two pillars which dignify the porch of this edifice, there came a line of ardent swains; and from out these doors there went another line of expectant maidens.

And in the darkness these two lines met, and became one; and that meant much, very much to those young hearts, for it was *Sunday* night, in New England, and in the days when the chaperon was not, and when conventionalities were not a burden.

I cannot tell, but it may be that some of you can, if that line forms and re-forms still, on the holy Sabbath nights, in the dim light of the twinkling stars!

Those were peaceful, happy, good old days; but they have passed forever for those of us who lived them then. I cannot say but that the present ones are better; I trust they may be. But so long as the rallying-place of the people shall be the house of God and his Christ, the days cannot be very bad.

This church stands here to-day, hoary and venerable with age. The two centuries of its life stretch back away beyond the infancy of this nation. And during that time, the generations have come and gone, and other generations have succeeded them.

But its mission is not ended yet; for when compared with the everlasting hills which rise round about it, and the river which flows peacefully by, it is but an infant

in years; and to be old, it must live on and on, far into the centuries yet to be.

Other generations must come and go; and still others must follow them, and the light of God's word, from his holy church must shed its radiance on all peoples.

And while the green hills stand, and until the rocks shall melt, and so long as the beautiful river rolls on to the sea, God grant that the Haddam church may hold up the cross of Jesus to the sin-sick souls of men.

ADDRESS

CHARLES MAY

MR. CHAIRMAN AND FELLOW-DESCENDANTS: I come at the end of a long line of speakers, and as I have an address to deliver to you which I am afraid you will consider as long in proportion as my great-grandfather's pastorate, I am in danger of suffering the experience of a certain excellent divine, who had, so far as I know, only one serious fault, viz.: that of preaching exceedingly long sermons.

On one occasion his theme was, "The Prophets." He had preached upon it for about an hour and a half and his audience were beginning to get pretty tired. At last he reached what seemed to be his peroration, and they were in hopes that the end was near; but as he finished his burst of eloquence, he proceeded to remark with fresh vigor, "My Brethren, we have thus considered all of the major prophets, and now we come to the minor prophets. And first Malachi; what place shall we give to Malachi?" whereupon a tall countryman, who had been fidgeting in his seat for some time, rose to his feet, strode down the aisle, and as he went out of the door shouted out, "Well, Malachi may have *my* place. *I* have had it long enough."

Now it may be that before I shall have finished my address some one of you may think that "a very little prophet" is coming to him, and that he would like to give *his* place to Malachi, in which event I shall not feel

seriously offended if my weary hearer shall leave the church as did the countryman.

We have been fighting a nation which worships the past; a nation which moves forward, it is true, but only as fast as would the racer with his back to the goal and his eyes ever intent upon the course he has traversed; a nation so wedded to its ancient institutions that the mere thought of innovation arouses a frenzy which threatens to plunge the world into war. Our nation, on the other hand, is one which rarely looks backward. Change, if it be improvement, is welcome, and experiment, even, in hope of betterment, is deemed sufficient justification for the overthrow of long-established customs and the introduction of new ones. It is questionable, however, whether it would not be better for us as a nation, to give more attention to the study and preservation of old institutions. Granting that the lines of the poet are true:

> We ranging down this lower track,
> The path we came by, thorn and flower,
> Is shadowed by the growing hour,
> Lest life should fail in looking back;

and granting that these lines apply as well to the nation as the individual, nevertheless it is well for us occasionally, and more often perhaps than we are wont, to pause in our onward march, glance back over the course run by our forefathers, and study the institutions and the customs established by them, that we may reap the fruits of their wisdom, and catch something of the noble and self-sacrificing spirit which inspired them in their pioneer work.

It is not my purpose, however, I hardly need say, in

the few words which I am to speak to you to-night, to attempt to be your guide in this review of the past, or the historian of any portion of the history of your church, or the biographer of your pastor from whom I am descended.

For that work, neither my natural disposition nor my experience has qualified me. It is enough for me to have had the honor to suggest to your committee the name of another descendant of Rev. Eleazer May, Rev. Dr. Munger, as the most appropriate person to act as his biographer for this occasion; and the interesting address from him, to which we have listened, is enough to prove that my suggestion was a most happy one. Nor would I have felt myself equal to the task, even if there had been no distinguished cousin for me to suggest as the proper person for it; for the fact is, I never knew I had a great-grandfather, much less that he was a minister of the gospel in this town, until I was a man grown. My father, Edward Selden May, was one who illustrated, to my mind, most forcibly the characteristic to which I have alluded, viz.: the disposition to devote one's self to the present and the future rather than to dwell upon the past. Most intensely interested in the vital questions of the day, he led the discussions in our family home upon politics, science, history, etc., with a zeal which left little opportunity for what was of a private nature, and I do not remember that in my boyhood I ever heard him mention the fact that his grandfather was a minister. There was, perhaps, another excuse for his not entering upon the family history in our home talks, for the fact was that he had fourteen brothers and sisters, nineteen uncles and aunts, and at least seventy-eight first cousins. No wonder, therefore, that he hesitated

to enter with his boys upon a field the paths of which were so complicated that he could not thread them himself without a guide. How I came finally to the knowledge that we had a family history arose from the following incident. In the year 1875 my father was sent as a representative to the Massachusetts legislature, and while there he met Rev. Samuel May, also a representative, from Leicester, Mass., a man of national reputation, deservedly earned by his philanthropic and efficient labors as secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society. In a conversation with my father, naturally suggested by the identity of their family names, Mr. May disclosed the fact that he was then and had been for a number of years engaged in an attempt to trace the genealogy of the May family, from the original ancestor, John May, who came to this country in 1640, down through the various branches descended from him.

He said that he had been remarkably successful in his work as a whole, but that with regard to one branch he had entirely failed. He had found that there was a certain Hezekiah May, who left the family home in Boston, and who settled in Wethersfield, and that Hezekiah had a son, Eleazer, who became a minister, but that was all he knew about him. If he could only find his family Bible, he had no doubt it would give him the information which he needed. My father heard him through, and then replied, "Well, Mr. May, if you will come with me to my home in Lee and make me a visit, I will show you the Bible you speak of, for Eleazer May was my grandfather, and his family Bible is in a trunk in the garret of my house, where it has been stored for a good many years."

It is to that chance conversation that I owe the pleasure of being with you to-day, and of being able to show you, as I now do, the Bible that belonged to the former pastor of your church.

Mr. May gladly accepted my father's invitation, came to our house and spent several days there in gathering the information which he afterward published in the May family book, and it was from the conversation which I heard while he was there, and from the perusal of that book, that I learned that my great-grandfather was a minister of the gospel, and the revered pastor of this church. Nor must I fail to mention another little incident which has led to my being present on this occasion. I happened not long ago to meet at the Bar Association in New York, a man well known to you all, and as well known in that great city as one of the leaders in his profession, my generous host, Mr. Cephas Brainerd: and, meeting him again a short time afterward, where there was opportunity, I ventured to commend myself to his favorable interest by telling him that my grandmother was Clarissa Brainerd, that she was born in his native town, and there married my grandfather, Huntington May. Mr. Brainerd met my advances with the greatest cordiality, and informed me that his country home was built upon the site of the house where Rev. Eleazer May lived, and where my grandfather was born. If I had not thus met Mr. Brainerd, it may be that I would never have learned that this celebration was to take place, and certainly I could never have expected to have been invited to attend it with my family. I need not say that it gives me an additional pleasure to be here as his guest in the house built upon the land where my ancestors lived.

I have said that I am in no sense fitted to be a historian; but, at the risk of wearying you, and without any claim that what I am to attempt to describe is history, I am going, with your kind permission, to essay an imaginative description of a wedding which I suppose may have taken place in what you designate as the old church over one hundred years ago, and because I, myself, am more vitally interested in the wedding of my grandfather and grandmother in 1795, than in any other wedding that might have taken place about that time, I have selfishly chosen that one as the one upon which my imagination may have free play. I suppose that it was a church wedding, for, as you will see, there certainly would not have been room in any private dwelling-house for the number of guests which I propose to have invited for the festive occasion. The bride is Clarissa Brainerd, eighteen years of age. She must have been beautiful, for the lovely aged face which looks forth from the canvas of a portrait taken by Pease, and preserved in my old home, shows, in spite of line and wrinkle, traces of the beauty which rejoiced the bridegroom's heart as he led her to the altar. I wish for the sake of the feminine portion of the audience that I could describe her dress; but at that task my imagination falters. I can, however, show you a piece of Sybil Huntington's wedding-dress, worn forty-one years before, when she married Rev. Eleazer in her old home in Lebanon; and here it is.

The bridegroom, Huntington May, was the next to the youngest son and child of Rev. Eleazer. He was then twenty-three years of age, and, I doubt not, bore himself through the ordeal of the ceremony with a martial air befitting the title of major, which both the com-

piler of the Brainerd and the Huntington family books bestowed upon him, though for what reason I have never been able to discover.

I suppose that the Rev. Eleazer May, the pastor of the church, and the father of the bridegroom, then a hale and hearty man sixty-two years of age, performed the ceremony.

For almost forty years he had been pastor of this church. His ten children had all grown to manhood and womanhood (no one of them missing), and had all married and gone from his home to homes of their own, except Huntington, now about to go, and Hezekiah, the youngest, who had just graduated from Yale, and was studying to be a missionary among the Indians. The families of his children were all there before him. His parishioners, with their kindly, interested faces, had filled the seats in the meeting-house to overflowing, and as his gaze rested upon the large congregation and his thoughts turned to the rich blessings which heaven had bestowed upon him and his, we can well imagine that the tears came to his eyes, and his voice faltered as he asked the questions, "Huntington, wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?" and "Clarissa, wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?" Nor can we think that his wife, Sybil Huntington, who had shared his joys and sorrows for those forty years, sat there in the front pew, unmoved. Well may we imagine that in her stirred precious memories, not only of her life here in Haddam, of her children and her children's children, but also of her own marriage in Lebanon, and the kindred still there who had remembered her boy on this day of his rejoicing, and had sent messages and gifts to his chosen bride. By her sat

the bride's mother, Harriet Hubbard Brainerd, gladly welcoming with her the union of the two large families in this marriage bond.

Captain John Brainerd, the bride's father, who had earned his title in the Revolutionary War, fighting at White Plains for his country, gave the bride away, surely an occupation more congenial to his taste than the bloody conflict from which he had won his title.

I imagine that the rest of the bridal procession was composed entirely of the bride's brothers and sisters. Huldah and Hannah, sixteen and fourteen years of age, came first; John and Dolly, twelve and ten, next; then Anne and Prudence, eight and six; and last, Frances and Jabez, four and three. Ursula, the two-year-old, and the baby, Hezekiah, about three months, were almost too young to take an active part.

I suppose, as I have said, that the children of Eleazer and Sybil were all there. I am disposed, while I am about it, to have it a universal family affair, especially as my imagination does not worry itself at all about the expense. "What does it matter a hundred years ago?" is just as effective about past extravagance, as "What does it matter a hundred years hence?" is about present expenditure. And so, regardless of cost, the whole family has gathered together to grace the occasion, and delight the hearts of parents and grandparents.

There was John May, the oldest son, who had graduated from Yale in 1777, and become a sea captain. There were Dorothy Arnold, his wife, and his little ones, Janet, John, and Edwin, aged five, three, and one respectively. There were Edward Selden and Sybil May Selden, his wife, Eleazer's oldest daughter, with their seven children, Mary, Sybil, Nancy, Clarissa, Delia, Edward, and

Charlotte, aged fifteen, thirteen, eleven, nine, seven, five, and three respectively: Edward a little bit harassed with his six sisters, but relieving a little the monotony of the feminine arithmetical series.

There was Rev. David Selden (Yale, 1782), thirty-four years of age, the minister at Middle Haddam, destined to be there for almost as long a period as was his father-in-law in this church; there were his wife, Cynthia May Selden, Eleazer's second daughter, with another arithmetical series, this one a little irregular: David, ten; Sylvester, nine; John, seven; Huntington, six; Cynthia, four; Elizabeth, three; and Hezekiah, one. Note that the little Cynthia was to be the happy wife of Dr. Ebenezer Munger, and mother of the boy, Theodore T. Munger, to whom we have this day listened with so much pleasure, and who now, after a long life of usefulness, is contemplating a well-earned rest from active pastoral labors.

There were Rev. Jesse Townsend, and Annie May Townsend, his wife, the third daughter, with their little two-year old boy, Eleazer. They had come all the way from Madison, Vt.

There was Colonel John Wells of Rowe, Mass., with his wife, Elizabeth May Wells, the fourth daughter. There were also Eleazer May, the second son, with his wife, Cynthia, from Westminster, Vt.; William Wells, from Shelburne, Mass., with his wife, Prudence May, the fourth daughter; Rev. Sylvester Sage, also from Westminster, Vt., with his wife, Clarissa, the fifth daughter, and perhaps their infant child, Huldah Robinson; and there, finally, was the youngest son, Hezekiah, to whom I have already alluded, who afterward married a direct descendant of Peregrine White, the first white

child born in New England, and became the father of stalwart children, one of them being six feet five inches in height. Truly the missionary work among the Indians must have given him great vigor, whatever may have been the result to the Indians.

I am sorry that I cannot give you the names of all the parishioners who were present at that wedding; but that is something for a descendant of some parishioner to do, and not for a descendant of the pastor.

Nor can I follow the wedding party from the church to the house. Time forbids that I should tell of the presents and the collation, and all the other interesting things that weddings entail, but I cannot close this attempt to describe something about the family of your pastor without alluding to the remarkable fact that those ten children all lived to old age, and their average age at death was seventy-nine.

The corollaries which I would draw are these: *First.* What an enormous salary, for those days, this church must have paid its minister to have enabled him to feed, clothe, and educate so large a family, to send two of his sons to Yale College, and to have married off so many daughters to ministers, who are proverbially looking for rich wives.

Second. What a heritage of rich blessing has come down to us, the descendants of your pastor.

The older brothers of his father, Hezekiah, remained at home on the farm, which afterward became a part of Boston, and was cut up into city lots, which their descendants inherited, much to their material advantage. I have never heard that the farm of Hezekiah at Wethersfield was cut up into city lots. But the heritage that we, the descendants of Eleazer, the son of Hezekiah, have

received, is the rich memory of a life of usefulness spent in the Master's service in this church, and the right to participate in the mercies promised to thousands of those that love him and keep his commandments.

I thank you all in behalf of myself and my wife and little daughter, whose name is that of her great-grandmother, Sybil Huntington May, for the pleasure which this occasion has afforded us, and, for myself, for the honor of addressing you.

LETTERS

INDIANAPOLIS, October 9, 1900.

DEAR SIR: It would afford me great pleasure to attend the celebration were I located nearer the scenes of my childhood; but, under the circumstances, I must send my regrets. I claim to be a son of the old church which I attended in my boyhood, and where I listened first—if my memory serves me right—to the ministry of Rev. John Marsh, and received from Mr. Alva Shailer, and other teachers, instruction in the Sabbath school.

Well do I recall when the "slips" succeeded the square pews in the body of the church, which change afforded all worshippers the opportunity to face the pulpit, with its high and elaborate sounding-board above it, giving a majestic and rather awe-inspiring appearance to the interior of the building dedicated to the service of the God our fathers worshipped with so much sincere reverence and humility.

As I left my home in 1842 for "other pastures," I was not present when it was decided to tear down the old church building, to which I presume no objection was made; but, at this late day, who is left of the old attendants who would not rejoice to see the old building as it stood, with all its sacred memories, and much more, the seats intact which were occupied by the fathers and mothers of three-quarters of a century ago? Why not preserve and inclose the site with an honorable memorial of some sort, that succeeding generations may know that on this hallowed spot the fathers and mothers worshipped, who have long since been gathered to the great church beyond, where pastor and people meet "in mansions not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

I recall the importance of the choir, whose members were the endowed sons and daughters of the realm, as they occupied the high-graded seats in the choir gallery, where soprano and alto voices harmonized with the bass and tenor divisions, all led, during my recollection, by Mr. Chauncey Skinner and Mr. James Swan, on violins, and Mr. Hurlburt Swan, on bass viol occasion-

ally, the flute and cornet were added, as the importance of the occasion or the inclination of the performers prompted them.

Much may be said in favor of modern church music, but when this choir was in good condition, I don't think God's worshippers ever listened to so sweet and impressive music as came from that gallery when they sang:

"Before Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations bow with sacred joy,"

and many other anthems so popular in that day.

On you who meet to celebrate the ancient day and give your personal efforts to have it successful, an obligation rests to prolong the memorable history of this church for future generations, and preserve the names and memory of the saintly men who there declared the word of God.

To make my declaration more interesting, "the partner of my joys and sorrows" remembers with pleasure that when she was nine years old she attended the old church. The services were conducted by Dr. Field, the only man of that time who wrote D.D. before and after his name. The incidents are still vivid in her memory, and it is a lasting delight to recall the time when she kept the "Sabbath day holy" under Connecticut regulations.

Wishing you all a great day of rejoicing,

Very sincerely yours,

BENJ. KELSEY.

DEAR SIR: You asked me some time ago to give you some reminiscences of old times in Haddam, and to-day I am turning Time backward to a Sunday morning when I was being dressed up in a suit of clothes made by "Aunt Manda," and about two years too large, so they would not be outgrown before they were worn out, and trudging along holding my father's hand, and carrying an elbow-stool for my mother. Then we walked a mile to the old church on the green by Mr. Cephas Brainerd's, and listened to the long prayer and the many-headed sermon of the Rev. David D. Field.

How plainly I can see our pew under the stairs at the south-eastern corner of the church, where I had to stand on tiptoe in order to see out! And how well I remember reciting my Sunday-

school lesson to Deacon Comfort Cone, holding on to his big thumb with my little hand! And then at noon, after the lesson, how we went up the lane back of the church to some famous rocks, where was plenty of birch of the best kind—and somewhere in the parsonage lot was a wonderful boiling spring—what a delight that was, and how cool and refreshing the water from it! Since then, I have looked down on water coming up from an opening thirty feet below the surface, but it was as nothing to that little spring surrounded by a barrel set in the ground.

While we were in the pew under the stairs, we could only hear the wonderful singing of the choir in the gallery overhead, with the notes of the different instruments that were then in use; for in those days they praised the Lord with all their might, on stringed, wind, and reed instruments. It was not until later, when father had taken a seat on the left side of the broad aisle, that I could feast my eyes on a sight of the choir, as we rose in our seats and turned around to face the music. There was Orrin Shailer with his violin, occasionally using his bow as a baton, and stamping his foot as a reminder to keep in time. There were the Swans, father and two sons, with bass viol and violins, Arnold Hayden with a clarinet, Daniel Dickinson with his flute, and, if I remember rightly, David Church with a tremendous-sounding French horn. I would walk many a mile to-day if I could again hear "Old Denmark," the "Judgment," and "Easter" anthems, as well as "Delight," "Invitation," "Mortality," "Vital spark of heavenly flame," and the "Ode on Science," as that choir could sing them in those days—the days of my childhood. There were the "Sunday-houses," too, of which I remember one south of the church and near Mr. Skinner's land, where in the winter was always a good fire on the hearth, from which the ladies' foot-stoves were filled with live coals, for use and comfort in the afternoon.

On Saturday nights every one of us must be in the house, and the quiet of Sunday begun. Bibles and Testaments, with "Barnes' Notes," were gotten out, and we had to learn our Sunday-school lessons—very often reciting them to father before going to bed; and then Sunday morning at work on them again. So that by the time they were recited Sunday noon, we knew them well. In that way all the Bible stories were learned, and later, Jewish history, and the life and times of our Saviour. I may say for

myself that about all I know of the Bible I learned in that way; and I wish that those who made me learn in that way could know how grateful I am to them, and how I appreciate their love and kindness, though I did not in those days.

Those were the days of the "Cold Water Army," when thousands of boys and girls all over New England were taking the pledge, and going in processions, wearing their badges, carrying their banners, and singing temperance songs. It may be that the influence of the Rev. John Marsh, who preached in the old church just before my day, was felt in all this. I do not know, but think it was probably the beginning of that temperance movement that soon extended all over this land. There were addresses in the church, a brass band down from Middletown, and singing by the children, and a picnic of gingerbread and water.

The old school-house which stood in the road just north of Deacon George Brainerd's, becoming untenable, was torn down, and efforts were being made to have a larger and better school-building, such as were being put up in other towns—one that should be a high-school where boys could be prepared for college. Of course, there were the usual differences of opinion and contentions that seem to be a necessary part of such enterprises, and the final outcome was the building of "Brainerd Academy." I believe the work was begun in the spring of 1839. Though I was present at the laying of the corner-stone, I cannot be sure of the date. The school, however, was begun, before the building was completed, in the fall of that year in the house of Samuel Brainerd, Mr. Dudley of Yale College being the first principal. Then followed, perhaps not in this order, Porter H. Snow, Benton, Kelley, Root, Schenck, Dwight, Shaw, Bowden; and among them was Charles W. Bradley, whom I well remember as my instructor in Latin and Greek, and who filled me with a love for good books. Many a time did he read and explain to me the choicest bits of literature from many languages—for he was one of the greatest linguists of this country, reading and writing every language on the Continent, and later acquiring many Eastern languages. It has ever since seemed to me that we boys and girls who attended the Academy in the earlier years acquired and retained a more practical education than ever I knew any other school to give. I wonder if any one in the old town has preserved any copies of the "Stepstone" and "Miscellany"—papers that were written by the

pupils, and read every Wednesday afternoon. Any one writing a contribution for them accepted by the editors was excused from reading a "composition."

For a number of years a good school, in opposition to the Academy, was maintained by Mr. Samuel Arnold, the first teacher of the same being a Mr. Langdon. Exhibitions and examinations by each school were regularly held, the Academy using the Congregational church, and Mr. Arnold's the Methodist. A large stage was built in the former church in front and on each side of the pulpit, with dressing-rooms on each side. No girls were permitted to take part in the plays, so their parts were taken by young men who masqueraded in their dresses. At the first exhibition, I, with other boys, went through our little recitations, such as, "'T was midnight—in his guarded tent," "Lochiel, Lochiel, beware of the day," "The boy stood on the burning deck," and many others; while North's band from Middletown discoursed sweetly from the gallery.

Perhaps a few lines might be given to the old-time singing-school, that every winter was held either in "Brainerd Hall" or in the chapel at the Academy. These were the days when we learned to sing "by note," to pronounce all the words plainly and correctly, to keep correct time, and give proper expression to the sentiments of the hymn, in the endeavor to sing with the spirit and the understanding. And such tenor voices as were heard then! Who nowadays hears such sweet, clear, strong voices as those of Deacon John Shailer, "Uncle" Moses Tyler, Heman Clark, Arnold Hayden, and many others! Were there no bass singers in those days? you ask. Hardly any. I cannot recall one, except Oliver Smith, and he had a rich, deep, sympathetic voice, but not of great power. No doubt some of the older people present can remember Deacon Shailer singing "I would not live alway," to the tune of "Prescott." Do we have such singing now? As I write, I can see all the old choir in their places, the leader in front, the different instruments in position, each one intent on the time being given, and I hear the first notes of that grand old "Hallelujah Chorus," as it burst, full and strong, from near a hundred voices.

As I think of those long-gone days, and those who enjoyed them, a feeling of sadness comes over me. Who is left of those singers? I cannot think of one. Where are they who gathered once a fort-

night in the Sewing Society that met around in the different houses, and later in the winter held the church fair and festival? Where are the boys and girls of "sixty years ago"? Is there base-ball on the green in the summer, or skating on the "Dollar" in the winter? Does the speckled trout come to the beck and call of boys now as then? What has become of the "Clam Bay Settlement," with its towns and villages on the Beaver Brook? Is "I spy" still played around the Court-house? and "Horn-away" on the swamp when it is frozen over? Are the boy sports of that day—and the boy pranks, too—gone forever?

Yours very truly,

DAVID B. VENTRES.

BUZZARD'S BAY, August 26, 1900.

MY DEAR SIR: I have received your letter of the 20th instant inviting me to be present at the two-hundredth anniversary of the organization of the First Congregational Church of Haddam. I am very sorry to say that it will be impossible for me to be present on this interesting occasion, though I fully appreciate your kind invitation, and the appropriateness of the participation of a descendant of one of the early pastors of the church.

I doubt if I could give you any additional information concerning Rev. Aaron Cleveland. Any sources of such information I may have are not available to me here, as anything of that kind remains at our home in Princeton.

Yours very truly,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

STOCKBRIDGE, October 15, 1900.

MY DEAR MR. LEWIS: I am sorry that I cannot be with you in the celebration of dear old Haddam. But I find by experience that prudence should keep me away. Not that I should not enjoy the meeting, but that is the very danger: the more I should enter into it the more I should be exhausted by it. As to any sketch of my father, if I were to attempt to draw the features of that old saint, I should write on and on till I should lay down my pen from very exhaustion. You will therefore excuse me.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY M. FIELD.

THOMPSON'S POINT, CHARLOTTE, VT., August 10, 1900.

DEAR SIR: Yours of 7th instant was forwarded from Washington, and is just received. It would give me pleasure to accept your invitation, but my engagements are such that it will be impossible.

The occasion will doubtless be a memorable one, and I trust it may be full of blessing to all who are privileged to be present.

Very truly yours,

D. J. BREWER.

HURST ON CLAYS, EAST GRINSTEAD, October 13, 1900.

Lady Musgrave would express her sincere thanks for having been included in the list of guests invited to the anniversary services of the First Congregational Church in Haddam, and regrets that it will be impossible for her to participate in them.

She hopes that many, descendants like herself of those who loved and cherished Haddam and its church, will join in the very interesting ceremony of the seventeenth.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., September 24, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER: I thank you for the invitation to participate in celebrating the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the church in Haddam.

Although my connection with that church was merely as a stated supply for less than a year, beginning in the spring of 1845, before I had completed my course in the Theological Seminary, it was a part of my ministry which I have ever held in warm and grateful remembrance.

A spirit of kind and generous sympathy for the young minister was soon disclosed, which greatly encouraged him, and he has ever held in grateful and loving honor those noble souls, now long since gone to their reward, who so charitably overlooked his faults and aided his endeavors.

After some months it pleased the great Head of the church to revive his work in the community. A very decided religious interest was developed. Several persons prominent in the church, but until then reticent in the prayer-meeting, found their hearts burning and their tongues loosed. Many of the young people

decided upon a Christian life. A brighter day had dawned. The despondent took heart. The subscription for a new church was started, and without long delay the erection of the present edifice was assured.

When the spring of 1846 opened, the outlook had so much improved that I could not avoid a feeling of serious regret that I had, some months before, committed myself to another field of labor. But I have never ceased, through fifty-five years of ministerial labor, to cherish a warm and grateful interest in the old church in Haddam. It would give me great pleasure to participate in the approaching anniversary. But a wide continent intervenes, and I cannot come. Please give my hearty benediction to the church on that most interesting occasion.

With sincere regard,

Your brother in the Lord,

WILLIAM H. GILBERT.

HARTFORD, CONN., April 20, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER: It would give me very great pleasure to be present at the two-hundredth anniversary of the Congregational church in Haddam, and to meet once more—I was going to say—the members of my former flock: but I remember how few I should find living. Fifty years make great changes in a community, and those to whom I ministered in my first pastorate must nearly all have passed away.

At the same time it would be very pleasant to visit Haddam once more, especially on so peculiar an occasion, and extend a hearty hand-shake to the few who might remember me.

I know I should greatly enjoy visiting the familiar scenes of years ago, and thus bring back to remembrance the delightful associations of those times. For though I have had several fields of labor in the past fifty years, there is not one upon which I look back with greater satisfaction than upon the one in Haddam. But much as I would enjoy the occasion, I feel too heavily the pressure of years to venture on the unavoidable excitement attending it.

So I send herewith my very affectionate regards to all who may remember me, and to all who may feel a personal interest in me on account of my former relations to the church.

I hope the occasion may be a delightful one, and that all who may be present will gather new strength, from the memory of the past, to meet the remaining responsibilities of the coming years.

Very affectionately yours,

E. W. Cook.

Oberlin, Ohio, September 14, 1900.

To the dear People and Friends in Haddam, Connecticut:

I have just received a letter from my son James N. Wright, of Detroit, Mich. He says your pastor, Rev. Mr. Lewis, has written him that you expect to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the organization of your church some time next month, and urges him to be present with them on that occasion. I hope he will go. I would like to celebrate with you, but I cannot.

I am aged, weak, and feeble—too feeble to think of taking such a journey. If I live till the 18th of next month I shall be eighty-seven years old. If I were to be there, I would miss the faces of many dear ones, with whom I once mingled, and whom I loved.

My husband was your pastor for about sixteen years. His ministration among his people was one of loving tenderness. He died with you, and numbers of you followed me to his old home at Glastonbury, and to his grave. His last words, as I remember them, were "Have mercy on this poor people."

I hope I have written nothing to make you sad. Let the day of celebration be a joyful one to all. I will be with you in spirit, and perhaps you will sing together for me the hymn from the old Plymouth Collection commencing with these words:

"Oh, could I speak the matchless worth,
Oh, could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine";

or the hymn commencing thus:

"Love divine, all love excelling."

Either one will do. They are precious hymns to me.

Am I asking too much? If so, forgive me.

Let it be a happy day for all, and may God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

Lucy A. Wright.

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

Present headnote explaining how catalogue was compiled and some abbreviations.

THE original records, which begin with Mr. May's pastorate in 1756, were closely followed in compiling this list of members. A few names, however, twenty-three from the sixty years previous to 1756, and others not found in our books, but given in the records of other churches as received by letter from this church, were recovered and added to the number. Much information, some of it very difficult to obtain, as to the removal of members to other places, the changes in names by marriage, the dates of death and ages, has been secured for the purpose of filling out and verifying the record. Those who can supply any additional facts, or correct any errors, are particularly requested to inform the clerk or pastor.

Members received by letter are indicated by giving after the name in brackets, [ ], the place and, if from another denomination, the church from which they came; *l* following the name signifies dismission by letter, and the year and place, if known, are affixed. H follows the names of those who became members of the Higganum church at its formation, May 14, 1844, or soon after; w. indicates withdrawal of fellowship for either long absence without being heard from, or joining other churches without receiving a letter or certificate from this church, and also in some instances for other causes which are specified in votes on record; exclusion from membership is indicated by ex. The maiden name of married women is given in italics; also, in parenthesis, ( ), the husband's Christian name, or, if a member of this church, his catalogue number, but marriage subsequent to joining the church is indicated by m. followed by the husband's name, or his number when he is a member of the church.

Names are indexed by their catalogue number, females by their name when they joined this church, and, if married later, by that name also.

Places and churches are designated by their present rather than by earlier names.

Rem. indicates that it is not known that the person took a letter on removing from the place.

* is affixed to names of members marked by Mr. May as having died before his ministry closed, in cases where dates of death have not been obtained.

HISTORICAL CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

AS FAR AS KNOWN SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1696

		Died	Age
1	Daniel Brainerd, Dea. — to 1715	1715	74
2	Thomas Brooks, Dea. — to 1734	1734	79
3	John Ventres, "A member of ye Church of Christ in Haddam," bapt. at Midtn. Jan. 17, 1697	1737	79
4	Joseph Arnold, Dea. — to 1752	1752	86
5	James Brainerd, Dea. — to 1742	1742	73
	The "seven brethren from the church in Haddam" referred to by Dr. Field, Statistical Account, p. 79, as among the constituent members of the East Haddam church, 1704, are probably the following seven, who resided earlier on this side of the river.		
6	George Gates	1724	89
7	Daniel Cone	1706	80
8	William Spencer		
9	Joseph Gates, "in full communion" here, 1697	1712	49
10	Thomas Gates, Dea. E. Had. 1704–1734	1734	69
11	Daniel Cone, Jr., Dea. E. Had. 1704–1725	1725	60
12	Daniel Brainerd, Jr., "in full communion" at Haddam, June 9, 1700, Dea. E. Had. 1725–1743	1743	76
13	Benjamin Scovil, *l* E. Had. 1715		
14	Amy Scovil (13), *l* E. Had. 1715		
	Of the fourteen constituent members of the Middle Haddam Congregational Church, 1740, the following seven resided in or near Haddam Neck, and are believed to have been members of this church.		
15	Ebenezer Smith, Dea. M. Had. 1740–1752	1752	81

		Died	Age
16	Dr. Joshua Arnold	1753	66
17	James Brainerd, Jr.	1776	79
18	Gideon Arnold, Dea. M. Had. 1740–1772	1772	
19	Josiah Brainerd	1792	81
20	Ebenezer Smith, Jr.		
21	Nathan Brainerd	1776	62
22	Capt. John Fiske, bro. Rev. Phineas, *l* Portland 1745	1761	65
23	Sarah Fiske (22), *l* Portland 1745		
	The following one hundred names were recorded by Mr. May, without giving the dates of admission, as the roll of members when he was ordained, June 30, 1756.		
24	Rebecca *Selden* Wells (James), wid.	1764	85
25	Benjamin Smith	1763	99
26	Hannah *Benton* Scovil (Edward) Smith (25)	1771	95
27	Deborah Spencer, wid.	*	
28	Catharine Shailer (Thomas[2]), wid.	*	
29	Solomon Bates	1785	80
30	Elizabeth Brainerd, wid., prob. *Fiske* (Rev. Neh.)	1793	71
31	Ebenezer Ventres	*	
32	Abiel Ventres (31)	1759	55
33	Joseph Smith, Dea. 1771–1790	1790	79
34	Elizabeth *Cone* Smith (33)		
35	William Scovil, b. 1706	*	
36	Hannah *Shailer* Scovil (35)		
37	Mary Shailer(Joseph), wid.	*	
38	James Ray abt.	1786	107
39	Elizabeth *Wells* Smith (Simon), wid.	*	
40	Abraham Tyler	1776	70
41	Sarah *Tyler* Arnold (David), wid.	*	
42	Azariah Dickinson	1798	89
43	Nehemiah Dickinson	1787	74
44	Esther *Bailey* Dickinson (43)	1792	76
45	Joseph Cone	1779	74
46	Susanna *Wells* Cone (45)		
47	Elisha Cone, Dea. 1742–1809	1809	99
48	Thomas Brooks, Dea. 1742–1781	1781	83
49	Mehitable Clark, wid.	*	
50	Col. Hezekiah Brainerd, Dea. 1764–1774	1774	67
51	Mary *Fiske* Brainerd (50)	1798	85
52	John Bailey	1767	78
53	Esther Bailey (52)		
54	Elijah Brainerd, Dea. 1759–1764	1764	58

		Died	Age
55	Phebe *Davies* Brainerd (54) abt.	1791	
56	Benjamin Bailey abt.	1778	
57	Judith *Sutlief* Clark (William), wid.	1764	
58	Thankful *Brainerd* Brainerd (Jacob), wid.	1806	97
59	Michael Clark	1763	49
60	Elizabeth *Arnold* Clark (59)	*	
61	Jeremiah Hubbard	1803	87
62	Alice *Shailer* Hubbard (61)	1760	47
63	Samuel Brainerd	1787	80
64	Phineas Spencer, *l* 1760	*	
65	Lydia *Pratt* Fiske (Rev. Phineas), wid.	1765	83
66	Esther Brainerd		
67	Sarah Arnold	*	
68	Benjamin Smith	1778	78
69	Hepzibah Smith (68)		
70	Martha Smith (Ens. Danl.)	1775	60
71	Mary *Ventres* Wells (166) abt.	1761	56
72	Sarah *Daniels* Brainerd (5), wid.	1770	88
73	Caleb Cone	1790	86
74	Sarah Smith, m. Ezekiel Bailey		
75	Elizabeth *Lewis* Shailer (Hez.) Smith (Lt. David), wid.	1761	56
76	Mary Smith	*	
77	Susanna Clark	*	
78	Thankful Clark (David)	1783	75
79	Abigail Porter (William)	1758	54
80	Martha *Wells* Shailer (Thomas[3])	1796	86
81	Rhoda *Arnold* Scovil (John), Alling (Thomas), *l* New Haven 1757	*	
82	Mehitable Clark (88)	*	
83	Charles Hazleton	1796	75
84	Mary *Smith* Shailer (Samuel), m. Gideon Dudley	1795	79
85	Ruth *Ventres* Lewis (Zeb., Jr.), wid.	*	
86	Experience *Arnold* Hoyt (Stephen), wid.	*	
87	Christopher, colored	*	
88	Jacob Clark abt.	1761	
89	Samuel Ellis	*	
90	Elizabeth Brainerd		
91	Susanna *Arnold* Hazleton (Jas.)	1774	70
92	Sarah *Smith* Smith (171); m. (169)	1778	55
93	Martha Arnold (Samuel)	1817	98
94	Stephen Smith	1792	77
95	Deborah *Spencer* Smith (94)	1812	100
96	Cornelius Higgins, Esq.	1803	81
97	Sarah *Hawes* Higgins (96)	1788	68
98	Joseph Brooks abt.	1796	80

		Died	Age
99	Jeremiah Spencer		
100	Martha *Bartlett* Thomas (Evan)	1806	81
101	Martha Ray (James, Jr.), wid.	*	
102	Silence *Fuller* Selden (Joseph)	1801	80
103	David Spencer, *l* Meriden 1759	*	
104	Phineas Brainerd	1803	83
105	Jerusha *Towner* Brainerd (104)	1797	73
106	Elizabeth Clark	*	
107	Sarah *Arnold* Lewis (Nathan)	1814	90
108	Stephen Smith	1768	82
109	Martha *Williams* Smith (108)		
110	Temperance *Shailer* Hubbard (Daniel), wid.	*	
111	Abigail Spencer ( )	*	
112	Sarah *Clark* Walkley (Ebenezer), m. Thos. Hubbard	*	
113	Samuel Smith		
114	Anna Smith (113)	1799	72
115	Susanna Clark	*	
116	Dr. Hopestill Crittenden	*	
117	Capt. James Hazleton	1788	64
118	Richard Johnson abt.	1780	
119	Williams Smith, 80 yrs. a member	1816	96
120	Abigail Smith (119)	*	
121	Robert Cogswell, *l* Midtn. 1st 1761		
122	Sarah *Bailey* Cogswell (121), *l* Midtn. 1st 1761		
123	Rebecca *Bates* Spencer (Ephraim), wid.		

ELEAZER MAY, PASTOR 1756–1803

1756

124	Nov.	Susanna Boyd, wid.	*	
125		Hannah Shailer (Abel), wid. [Gilead]	1770	
126	Dec.	Mary Dickinson (42) [Hadlyme]		

1757

127	Jan.	Thomas Church	1768	
128		Samuel Scovil		
129		Elisha Brainerd	1790	57
130	Mar.	Jabez Brainerd	1778	64
131		Hannah *Clark* Brainerd (130)	1806	93
132		Anna Bailey (James), rem. Farmington	*	

			Died	Age
133		Hannah Crook (Shubael)		
134	Apr.	Martha Scovil	*	
135		Ithiel Dean	*	
136		Nathaniel Sutlief	1819	88
137	May	Stephen Bailey	1803	76
138		Eunice *Crook* Bailey (137)	*	
139		Silence *Wilcox* Ranney (175) [Portland]	*	
140	July	Daniel Clark	1787	67
141		Daniel Spencer	1769	39
142		Elizabeth *Clark* Spencer (141), m. (137)	1823	89
143		Joel Hubbard	1802	74
144		Ann *Clark* Hubbard (143)	1811	78
145		David Smith 2d	1770	36
146		Lydia *Cogswell* Smith (145), m. (b) Wm. Brainerd, (c) Wm. Bradford	1825	88
147		Elijah Brainerd, Jr.	1806	71
148		Lucy *Smith* Brainerd (147)	1826	87
149	Sept.	Esther *Brainerd* Brainerd (Samuel)	1813	95
150	Nov.	Mary *Smith* Johnson (210)		
151		Isaac Bartlett, yr. of adm. unkn., *l* Durham 1758		

1758

152	Feb.	Ephraim Pratt [Centerbrook]		
153		Beulah *Williamson* Pratt (152) [Centerbrook]		
154		Nathaniel Whitmore	*	
155		John Smith	1808	79
156		Catharine Smith (155)	1767	
157	July	Abigail *Hazleton* Spencer (Elizur)		

1759

158	Mar.	John Lewis, *l* Chester 1767		
159		Deborah Lewis (158), *l* Chester 1767		
160	Oct.	Abner Porter	*	
161		Ann Porter (160)	*	
162		Patience Ellis	*	
163	Nov.	John Ventres	1818	88
164		Elizabeth *Arnold* Ventres (163)	*	
165	Dec.	Thomas Hubbard	1795	82
166		Joseph Wells, Esq.	1777	69

1760

			Died	Age
167		Joel or Jared Spencer, year of adm. unknown, *l* 1760		
167a		Elizabeth Spencer, year of adm. unknown, *l* Spencertown 1761		
168	Mar.	Joseph Bradford [Westbrook]	1777	75
169	May	Jonathan Boardman	1790	65
170		Zeruiah *Elderkin* Boardman (169)	1763	
171	July	John Smith	1760	
172	Nov.	Capt. Gideon Brainerd	1767	67
173		Sarah *Selden* Brainerd (172)	*	
174	Dec.	Samuel Arnold, Yale 1724 abt.	1769	63

1761

175	Apr.	Ephraim Ranney	1762	37
176	June	Benjamin Spencer	*	
177	July	Ruth Cone		

1762

178	Apr.	Nathan Smith	1783	53
179		Mary *Thomas* Smith (178), m. (96)	1819	84
180	May	Eunice *Clark* Smith (643)	1823	83
181		Sarah [*Snow?*] Porter (Wm.) [Centerbrook]		
182	Oct.	Rachel *Porter* Tyler (191)	1806	71
183		Hannah Johnson (Amos)		
184		Elizabeth *Pelton* Johnson (Stephen)	1827	88

1763

185	June	Josiah Scovil, *l* Westfield, Mass., 1807		
186		Frances Scovil (185)	1806	72
187	July	John Wilcox	1808	76
188		Anne *Stevens* Wilcox (187)	1821	88
189		James Arnold		
190		Mary Arnold (189)		
191		Timothy Tyler	1813	77

1764

192	Mar.	Joshua Brooks	1824	82
193	Apr.	Charles Sears	1793	63
194	July	Martha *Hubbard* Brainerd (129)	1813	76
195	Sept.	John Bailey, Jr.	1777	65

			Died	Age
196		Wakeman Brooks	1809	68
197		Mary *Walkley* Brooks (196)		
198	Nov.	Abigail *Brooks* Thomas (279)	1802	70

1765

199	May	Else *Pratt* Spencer (John)		
200	Sept.	Jedidah *Thomas* Tyler (Col. Abraham)	1828	
201	Nov.	Hepzibah *Spencer* Brainerd (Increase)		

1766

202	May	Mary *Hubbard* Smith (James), rem.	1832	91
203	Aug.	Gideon Brainerd, Jr.	1801	72
204		Sarah *Richardson* Brainerd (203)	1812	79
205		Abigail *Dickinson* Tyler (Samuel)	1835	90
206	Sept.	Timothy Towner		
207	Oct.	Jerusha *Brainerd* Shailer (Ezra)	*	
208	Nov.	Nehemiah Brainerd, Dea. 1784–1807	1807	66
209		Sarah *Brainerd* Brainerd (208)	1819	78

1767

210	May	Richard Johnson, Jr.		
211	June	Sarah *Tyler* Smith (John)	1768	27
212	Aug.	Eliakim Brainerd, Dea. 1784–1815	1815	83
213		Charles Smith, Rev.	1800	55
214		Mary *Williams* Smith (213)	1805	62
215	Sept.	Benjamin Spencer [Spencertown]		
216		Dorothy *Spencer* Spencer [Spencertown]		
217	Oct.	Ruth *Bailey* Thomas (Aaron), *l* W. Spfd., Mass., 1806		

1768

218	Sept.	Susanna Bonfoey	1771	35

1769

219	Jan.	Lydia *Cone* Tyler (Joseph), rem. Leyden, N. Y.	1823	87
220	Nov.	Abigail *Smith* Smith (John)		

1770

			Died	Age
221		Martha Brown		
222	July	Ezra Tyler	1785	52
223		Prudence *Richardson* Tyler (222), m. Jos. Arnold	1804	60
224		Dorothy Brainerd, m. Rev. Thomas Miner	1828	88
225		Esther *Brainerd* Brooks (John), wid., m. Ozias Bidwell	1801	52
226		Thomas Bates [Centerbrook]	*	
227		Mrs. Thomas Bates [Centerbrook]		

1771

228	Apr.	Deborah *Lewis* Clark (140)	1775	56
229	June	Zachariah Brainerd	1826	84
230		Mehitable *Clark* Brainerd (229)	1834	89
231		Richard Knowles	1814	88
232	July	James Hubbard	1808	75
233		Hepzibah *Smith* Hubbard (232), rem. Harpersfield, N. Y.		
234		Solomon Walkley	1824	79
235		Rebecca *Hazleton* Walkley (234)	1806	56
236	Aug.	Samuel Hubbard	1813	81
237		Sarah *Smith* Hubbard (236)	1818	85
238	Nov.	Abner Smith, rem. Cromwell	1828	84
239		Mehitable *Knowles* Smith (238)		
240		David Bates		
241	Dec.	Samuel Ray, w. 1780		
242		Esther Smith, m. (490)	1813	57

1772

243	Jan.	Josiah Huntington, rem., ret. 1815	1835	90
244		Rhoda *Loomis* Huntington (243), rem.		
245	June	Phebe Ray (241)		
246	July	Mary *Wells* Hubbard (61)	1810	93
247	Sept.	Abigail *Tyler* Lewis (Eleazer), m. Josiah Brainerd, rem. Windham, N. Y., 1806		

1773

248	Apr.	Mary *Smith* Arnold (Joseph, Jr.)	1781	38
249		Eleanor *Hazleton* Higgins (370)	1775	32
250	June	Hannah *Wells* Bates (Elihu)	1830	89

			Died	Age
251		Martha *Smith* Smith (Jonathan) Merwin (James)	1808	70
252		Sarah Ely		
253	Aug.	Margaret Smith (Benj.) [Hamburg]	*	
254	Sept.	Abigail *Higgins* Ray (Theodore), wid.		
255		Sarah Brainerd, dau. of Samuel		
256	Oct.	Nathaniel Ray [by letter]	1804	79
257	Nov.	James Young, rem. Lee, Mass.		
258		Hannah *Fuller* Young (257)		

1774

259	Mar.	Capt. Nathan Lewis prob. bef.	1782	
260	Apr.	Samuel Church [Hadlyme]		
261		Sarah *Higgins* Church (260) [Hadlyme]		
262		Ambrose Arnold	1817	71
263	June	Temperance Bailey		
264	July	Elizabeth Clark (William)		
265		Eunice *Clark* Hubbard (290), rem.		
266	Aug.	Hannah *Scovil* Bailey (Oliver)		
267		Susanna *Cone* Shailer (Asa)	1826	90
268	Sept.	Sarah *Boardman* Hubbard (Thos., Jr.)	1829	77
269	Oct.	Hawes Higgins, to Bapt. w.	1834	82
270		Lucinda *Bushnell* Higgins (269), to Bapt. w.	1834	80
271		Mary *Hosmer* Bidwell Brainerd (Henry), rem. O.	1839	87

1775

272	Jan.	Eunice Augur, m. Stephen Spencer	1820	80
273	May	Abner Spencer	1802	67
274		Deborah *Clark* Spencer (273)	1826	84
275		Mary *White* Clark (James, Jr.)		
276		Martha *Arnold* Doane (Phineas)	*	
277		Sarah *Clark* Sears (193), m. Benj. Pickett	1828	87
278	Sept.	Damaris *Walkley* Hubbard (Aaron), rem. Batavia, N. Y.	1818	
279	Nov. 20.	Lt. Ebenezer Thomas	1805	77

1776

280	Feb. 18.	Dr. Hezekiah Brainerd	1805	63
281		Elizabeth *Johnson* Brainerd (280)	1813	63
282		Martha *Cone* Clark (Stephen)	1828	83
283	Mar.	John Sutlief		
284		Lydia Stevens (James)		

			Died	Age
285		Eunice *Cone* Spencer (Joseph)	1809	63
286	Apr.	Isaac Augur	1808	90
287		Eunice *Tyler* Augur (286)	1812	83
288		Sarah *Bailey* Hubbard (Timothy)	1823	81
289		Abner Tibbals, Jr.		
290	May	Daniel Hubbard, rem. New Durham, N. Y., 1792		
291		Lydia *Spencer* Bailey (Gideon, Jr.), *l* Millington, 1781, and ret. See 503	1827	
292	June	Daniel Brainerd	1809	57
293		Susanna *Clark* Brainerd (292)	1799	48
294		Lewis Smith, Dea. Leyden, N. Y.	1841	88
295		Ann *Hubbard* Smith (294)		
296	Oct.	Ruth *Johnson* Pelton (James)	1829	93
297	Nov.	Eunice *Higgins* Bates (Amos)		
297a		Capt. Jeremiah Hubbard, yr. of adm. unkn., *l* Cromwell, 1794	1808	62
297b		Flora *Hazleton* Hubbard (297a), yr. of adm. unkn., *l* Cromwell, 1794	1833	86

1777

298	Jan.	Eber Tibbals	1818	67
299	June	Mehitable *Knowles* Dickinson (Amos), wid.	1841	89
300	Sept.	Helen *Stillman* Simmons (Joshua)		
301		Hannah *Dickinson* Shailer (Hez.)	1828	78
302		Mary *Knowles* Burr (Joseph)	1835	84
303		Judith *Clark* Clark (Aaron)	1820	74
304	Oct.	Bezaleel Shailer, ex. 1804	1810	74
305		Susanna *Bailey* Shailer (304)	1830	81
306		Hannah *Stocking* Bates (Eleazer)	1827	71
307	Nov.	Martha *Bates* Cone (Elisha, Jr.)	1823	

1778

308	Nov.	Hannah *Bradford* Russell ( ), wid.		

1779

309	Oct.	Heman Brainerd	1803	49
310		David Higgins, Rev., Yale 1785	1842	81

1780

311	Mar.	Dorothy Scovil, m. John Dickinson		
312	Dec.	Susanna *Tyler* White (Timothy) Smith (155)	1819	93

1781

			Died	Age
313	Sept.	Elizabeth Taylor (Joseph)		

1782

314	Oct.	Sarah Arnold (Joel)	1818	84
315		Mary Tyler, rem. Leyden, N. Y.		

1785

316	Jan.	Charles Sears, Jr., *l* Jericho, N. Y., 1806		
317		Diana *Stevens* Sears (316), *l* Jericho, N. Y., 1806		
318	June	Christiana *Bailey* Clark (Wm.)	1820	

1786

319	Apr.	Mary *Church* Ventres (Stephen) Scovil (Saml.)		
320	Sept.	William Clark		
321		Anne *Johnson* Clark (320)		

1787

322	Mar.	Oliver Brainerd	1834	76
323	Apr.	Capt. John Brainerd	1820	66
324		Hannah *Hubbard* Brainerd (323)	1795	39
325		Anne *Smith* Thomas (Evan, Jr.)		
326	May	Sarah *Hubbard* Spencer (Abraham), wid.		
327		Rebecca *Bates* Hubbard (Aurunah), rem. New Durham, N. Y., 1792		
328	July	Abigail Clark *Smith* Boardman (Jon., Jr.)	1823	66
329	Aug.	Capt. David Brainerd, rem. French Grant, O.	1828	80
330		Hannah *Willard* Brainerd (329)	1840	90
331	Sept.	Joseph Scovil, Esq.	1839	82
332		Sarah *Spencer* Scovil (331)	1825	66

1788

333	June	John Kelly	1788	
334	July	Martha *Freeman* Bailey (Jer.), wid.		
335	Sept.	John Scovil, *l* Leyden, N. Y., 1810		

			Died	Age
336		Elizabeth *Spencer* Scovil (335), *l* Leyden, N. Y., 1810		
337		Hezekiah Clark	1799	84
338		Oliver Wells, Esq.	1820	75

1789

339	Mar.	Joseph Augur, *l* Chester 1806	1847	82
340		Jeremiah Brainerd	1822	82
341	Aug.	Hezekiah Spencer	1830	58
342		Mary Bevin (Wm.), yr. of adm. unkn., *l* E. Hampton 1790		

1791

343	July	Amni *Southworth* Arnold (Jos., Jr.)	1846	85
344		Catharine Scovil	1829	82
345		Widow Clark		
346		Esther *Clark* Crook (Joseph)		
347		Phebe *Clark* Crook (Whitmore)		
348		Mary *Spencer* Treadwell (James), wid.		
349	Oct.	Edward Selden, *l* Windsor 1805		
350		Sibyl *May* Selden (349), *l* Windsor 1805		

1793

351	Jan.	Lois Smith, m. Reuben Brainerd, *l* Durham 1824		

1794

352	Sept. 27.	Esther *Brainerd* Clark (Chipman)		
353	— —	Jonathan Burr	1804	48
354	— —	Lydia *Bailey* Burr (353)	1837	77

1795

355	Oct.	Gideon Brainerd, Jr.	1835	70

1797

356		Nathaniel Burr, w. 1810	1836	84
357		Esther *Dickinson* Tyler (James), wid., *l* Chester 1824	1847	82
358		Sarah Scovil	1807	60

1798

			Died	Age
359		Shailer Hubbard	1832	
360		Miriam Hubbard (Giles)		

1798 *or previous to* 1804

361		Stephen Smith	1834	85
362		Jonathan Huntington, Dea. 1806–1844, H	1848	78
363		Cynthia Huntington, m. Daniel Sayre, *l* Canton, N. Y., 1807		
364		Sibyl Selden, *l* Windsor 1805		

DAVID D. FIELD, PASTOR 1804–1818

1804

365	June	3.	Anna Chase (James), *l* Windham, N. Y., 1807		
366			Submit *Dickinson* Field (Rev. D. D.) [Somers], *l* Stockbridge, Mass., 1819, ret. 1837	1861	78
367		17.	Susanna *Arnold* Ray (Levi), wid.	1831	65
368			Hannah *Child* Cone (John), m. Israel Smith, H	1852	73
369			Naomi Chambers (James), *l* Prov., R. I., 1810		
370		24.	Cornelius Higgins	1834	90
371			Esther *Kelsey* Higgins (370)	1836	85
372	July	8.	Dr. Levi Ward, *l* prob. Rochester		
373			Mehitable *Hand* Ward (372), *l*		
374			Hubbel Stevens [Killingworth], *l* Cheshire 1808		
375			Anne Stevens (374) [Killingworth], *l* Cheshire 1808		
376			Elisha Stevens [Killingworth], *l* Cheshire 1808		
377			Anne Stevens (376) [Killingworth], *l* Cheshire 1808		
378		15.	Stephen Tibbals, Esq.	1838	79
379			Martha *Burr* Tibbals (378)	1835	76
380			James Walkley, Dea. 1819–1839	1839	66
381			Lydia *Spencer* Walkley (380)	1861	78
382			David Walkley, *l* W. Spfd., Mass., 1809, ret. 1810		
383		29.	Joseph Brooks, *l* W. Spfd., Mass., 1806		

				Died	Age
384			Mary *Hubbard* Hubbard (Morris), H	1850	74
385			Aaron Brainerd	1849	69
386			Benjamin Parmalee		
387			John Whittlesey, Rev.	1864	83
388	Aug.	5.	John Smith, Jr.	1834	79
389			Anna *Clark* Smith (388)	1827	72
390			Sarah Arnold, m. Ezra Brainerd, H	1845	66
391			Dolly Clark, *l* Durham 1805		
392		28.	Curtis Smith, *l* Otis, Mass.	1846	84
393			Asenath *Brainerd* Smith (392), *l* Otis, Mass.	1855	87
394			Olive Smith (Amos), *l* Durham 1822		
395			Susan Brooks, rem. Bergen, N. Y.		
396			Hannah Brooks, m. (613), H	1863	84
397	Sept.	2.	Simon Walkley, *l* W. Spfd., Mass., 1809		
398			Drusilla *Smith* Walkley (397), *l* W. Spfd., Mass., 1809		
399			Rebecca Walkley	1838	69
400			Hannah Walkley	1856	81
401		23.	Sylvanus Clark, *l* Guilford 1827		
402			Dolly *Smith* Clark (401)	1823	63
403			Jemima Brainerd, m. (a) Whitmore Crook, (b) Stephen Dickinson, H	1851	84
404		30.	Eliakim Brainerd	1815	55
405			Lucy *Smith* Brainerd (404)	1862	101
406	Oct.	2.	Sarah *Smith* Hazleton (Nathl.), *l* Deep River		
407		14.	Concurrence *Smith* Bonfoey (Benanuel), H	1849	89
408			Dolly Brainerd, m. (709), H	1867	88
409	Dec.	2.	Hannah Hazleton (117), wid.	1812	81

1805

410	Mar.	31.	Anna Clark	1809	32
411	Aug.	25.	Mary Gratrax ( ), *l* Prov., R. I., 1807		
412	Oct.	6.	Elizabeth Arnold (Ambrose)	1814	67
413	Dec.	1.	Dolly *Thomas* Brainerd (Zach.) Church (John), wid.		

1806

414	July	6.	Lucy *Smith* Brainerd (212)	1821	82

1807

415	Mar.	22.	Eunice *Hodgkin* Crover (Geo.) Skinner (461), H	1854	89

			Died	Age
416	May 3.	Dan Carter [Killingworth], rem. Lisle, N. Y.		
417	June 7.	Timothy Gladwin	1807	30

1808

418	June 5.	Mary *Smith* Bailey (John), m. (b) (262), (c) Chas. Brainerd		
419	July 21.	Susanna Smith (Henry), *l* Ellsworth 1813		
420	Oct. 30.	David Dickinson	1822	65
421		Lois *Clark* Dickinson (420), m. Nathaniel Griswold, *l* Killingworth	1850	90
422	Nov. 27.	Zeruiah *Palmer* Bailey (Reuben)	1835	75

1809

423	June 5.	Anna Spencer	1809	27
424	July 16.	Henry Nichols, *l* Colchester 1810		
425		Ezra Kelsey, H	1881	92
426		Rebecca *Brooks* Brainerd (Neh.), *l* Madison 1850		
427	Aug. 6.	Nathaniel Hull	1844	67
428		Sally *Tibbals* Hull (427)	1844	64
429	13.	Catharine Hubbard, blind	1825	81
430	20.	Eli Hubbard	1817	46
431	Sept. 3.	Ebenezer Thomas	1811	46
432		Clark Selden, *l* Middletown 1814		
433		Elizabeth *Wilcox* Selden (432), *l* Midtn. 1814		
434		Esther Brainerd	1848	72
435	10.	Fanny Hazleton, m. (385)	1860	67
436	Oct. 8.	Dr. Chauncey Andrews, *l* Mt. Carmel 1815		
437	15.	Elizabeth Brainerd, m. Saml. W. Pratt, *l* Centerbrook 1811		
438	22.	Elizabeth Spencer (Jas.), *l* Clinton 1813		
439		Martha *Tibbals* Spencer (Jos.), H	1865	84
440		Larissa Ray, m. Orrin Lane, rem. Mt. Vernon, O.	1874	81
441	29.	Heber Brainerd	1846	76
442		Seth Arnold	1826	42
443		Submit *Bailey* Arnold (442), *l* Midtn. South 1840	1841	54
444		Polly Smith, m. Jehiel Hull, *l* Durham 1810, ret. 1811		

			Died	Age
445		Cynthia Clark, m. James Parmalee, rem. Durham		
446	Nov. 19.	Jesse Higgins		

1810

447	Feb. 11.	David Pratt, Rev.	1824	36
448		Hazael Smith, H	1866	91
449		Jemima *Hubbard* Smith (448), H	1851	73
450		Miriam Hubbard, H	1851	65
451		Sally Hubbard, m. Ezra Kelsey, H	1865	75
452		Hancy Hubbard, m. Saml. Simons, *l* Manchester 1814		
453		Rhoda Hubbard, H	1877	89
454		Julia Hubbard, m. (768), H		
455		Esther Spencer, m. Geo. Burr	1867	77
456	Mar. 4.	Fiske Brainerd, Dea. 1826	1826	43
457		Prudah *Smith* Arnold (Josiah), m. John Arnold, ex. 1813		
458		David Walkley [W. Spfd.], see 382, ex. 1840		
459	18.	James Brooks, Jr.		
460	25.	Eleazer Brainerd, Rev.	1854	61
461	June 3.	Thomas Skinner	1825	54
462	July 22.	Betsey Clark, H	1845	75
463	Aug. 5.	Margaret *DeWitt* Dwight May (John), m. Reuben Cone, *l* Brick Pres., N. Y., 1814		
464		Richard Skinner	1842	77
465		Martha *Bailey* Skinner (464)	1840	70
466		Clarissa Thomas, rem., ret. 1835		
467	19.	Sabra *Brainerd* Bailey (Russell) Gladwin (Willard)	1844	63
468	Sept. 23.	Priscilla Parmalee (Linus), rem. N. Y. State		
469		Susanna Arnold, *l* Brooklyn, O.		
470		Dorothy May, ae. 13 [New Durham, N. Y.], H	1888	91
471	30.	Hannah *Smith* Brooks (Joshua)	1819	79
472		Desire *Bailey* Spencer (Elizur)	1839	81
473		Susanna *Smith* Kelsey (George)	1828	68
474	Oct. 28.	Abigail Thomas, 2d		
475	Nov. 4.	Hannah *Ray* Ventres (163)	1837	84
476		Anna *Shailer* Shailer (598)	1842	74
477		Candace *Arnold* Clark (Jas.), m. John Clark, *l*		
478	18.	Lydia Brooks (James), *l* at large 1819		
479		Fanny Andrews (436), *l* Mt. Carmel 1815		

1811

			Died	Age
480	Mar. 28.	Sally Nancy *Parmalee* Church (Thos., Jr.) [Killingworth], rem. LeRoy, N. Y., 1817		
481	Sept. 24.	Jerusha *Brainerd* Kelsey (Jas.), rem. N. Y. State		
482	Dec. 22.	Polly *Smith* Hull [Durham], see 444		
483		Chauncey Stevens [Durham], *l* Durham 1818		

1812

484	June 21.	Lucinthia *Smith* Higgins (446) [E. Hampton]		

1813

485	June 2.	William Knowles	1820	88
486	Nov. 21.	Anna *Bushnell* Dickinson (Aaron)	1869	85

1814

487	Mar. 3.	William Scranton [Guilford], *l* 1818		
488	Apr. 24.	Jeremiah Gates [M. Had. 1st], rem. Watertown, N. Y.		
489	May 29.	Sarah *Elliot* Boardman (490) [Clinton], H	1846	70
490	Sept. 18.	Luther Boardman	1829	79
491	Nov. 6.	Sibyl *Brainerd* Smith (Sylvester), m. Calvin Thomas, H	1866	87

1815

492	Mar. 26.	Jesse Dorastus Wright [Westbrook], rem. South		
493	Apr. 30.	Josiah Huntington [Htfd. 2d], see 243, *l* Rome, N. Y.	1835	90
494		Abigail *Gilbert* Huntington (493) [Htfd. 2d], *l* Rome, N. Y.		
495		Abigail Huntington [Htfd. 2d], *l* Rome, N. Y.		

1816

496	July 9.	James Clark, H	1864	90

1817

				Died	Age
497	Feb.	6.	Job Hubbard	1822	82
498	Mar.	2.	Lowly Grannis (556) [Durham], *l* Geneva, N. Y.		
499	June	1.	Polly *Hubbard* Smith (Eliab), rem. Bergen, N. Y.	1833	53
500			Mary Anna Smith, m. Ansel Goff, *l* at large		
501	Sept.	7.	Eliza Smith Brainerd	1820	19
502	Nov.	2.	William Knowles	1821	23
			Of the nineteen names following, which are not found in the regular records, seventeen are on lists of members in 1804, and also in 1818—all but one on both lists; and the last two are among the dismissions.		
503			Lydia *Spencer* Bailey (Gideon), by letter, see 291, m. (b) E Tibbals, (c) Josiah Pelton, (d) Constant Webb, *l* Chester 1824	1827	
504			Mary Bailey		
505			Elizabeth Brainerd (David)		
506			Prosper Brainerd	1821	85
507			Mary *Bailey* Brainerd (506)	1824	81
508			Ruth *Stocking* Brainerd (Shubael) Brainerd (309), rem. Bergen, O.		
509			Sarah *Brainerd* Brainerd (340)	1809	72
510			Huldah *Spencer* Cone (Silas)		
511			Eunice Crook		
512			Eunice *Parker* Doane (Phineas), wid.	1824	84
513			David Hubbard, Dea. 1806–1836	1836	87
514			Hannah *Clark* Hubbard (513)	1832	75
515			Ruth Hubbard		
516			Susanna Hubbard, blind	1827	90
517			Lydia *Brainerd* Porter (Abner) Knowles (Walker)	1836	77
518			Rebecca *Brainerd* Smith (690)	1818	72
519			Ann *Brainerd* Wells (338)	1826	78
520			Abigail Brainerd, *l* Windham, N. Y., 1807		
521			Azuba *Arnold* Brainerd (Seth) Thomas (431), m. S. Penfield, *l* E. Hampton 1814		

JOHN MARSH, PASTOR 1818–1834

1819

				Died	Age
522	Jan.	3.	Moses Tyler [Leyden, N. Y.]	1860	77
523			Deborah *Dickinson* Tyler (522) [Leyden, N. Y.]	1860	77
524		17.	Daniel Brainerd, H	1857	88
525			Fanny *Smith* Brainerd (524)	1835	56
526			David Clark Hubbard	1841	56
527			Temperance *Higgins* Hubbard (526), m. Seth Bartlett, H		
528			Stephen Brooks, H	1860	83
529			Wealthy *Smith* Brooks (528), H	1852	71
530			Orin Smith, rem. West		
531			Rhoda *Brainerd* Smith (530), rem. West		
532			Samuel Smith, H	1880	91
533			Lucy Ann *Smith* Smith (532)	1843	50
534			Archelaus Tyler	1848	67
535			Hannah *Spencer* Tyler (534)	1830	50
536			Daniel Thomas, ex. 1836		
537			Lydia *Bailey* Thomas (536)	1875	92
538			Solomon Walkley	1854	83
539			Prudence *Hubbard* Walkley (538)	1828	54
540			Sarah *Smith* Cone (Jos.) Church (Thos.)	1847	87
541			Abigail *Clark* Brooks (Abraham)	1838	79
542			Jane *Spencer* Brainerd (323), m. (708)	1826	58
543			Hepzibah *Hubbard* Brainerd (355)	1825	60
544			Martha *Tyler* Brainerd (441)	1855	79
545			Dorothy *Thomas* Brainerd (Phineas)	1859	79
546			Sally *Thomas* Child (624), H	1851	64
547			Alice *Smith* Arnold (Simon)		
548			Rebecca *Spencer* Smith (Chas.), H	1861	81
549			Mary *Brainerd* Thomas (Israel)	1868	80
550			Mary *Hart* Walkley (David)		
551			Sarah Young (616), *l*		
552			Orpha *Clark* Brainerd (851)	1849	52
553			Huldah *Brainerd* Smith (Simon), wid.	1844	65
554			Sarah *Tyler* Ray (James), wid.	1859	89
555			James Brooks	1838	54
556			David Grannis, *l* Geneva, N. Y.		
557			George Roberts Bailey, *l* Centerbrook 1829		
558			Oliver West, *l* M. Haddam 1st		
559			Alfred Skinner	1824	
560			Joseph Shailer, ex. 1834	1851	65

			Died	Age
561		John May, H	1859	67
562		Arnold Hazleton Hayden	1869	80
563		Comfort Cone, Dea. 1841–1844, H	1876	79
564		Watson Luther Boardman, rem. Mich.		
565		Samuel Barry, *l* E. Haddam 1824		
566		Benjamin Kelsey	1876	80
567		George Gilbert Child, *l*		
568		Justin Sabin		
569		Marquis De LaFayette Thomas, *l* Bloomfield, N. J.		
570		Daniel Morgan, ex. 1823		
571		Oliver Phelps Smith, Dea. 1872–1877	1877	74
572		Hezekiah Brainerd Smith, *l* New London		
573		Zeruiah Brainerd, H	1877	90
574		Martha Brooks, m. Reuben Bates, H	1879	86
575		Wealthy Ann Brooks, m. (563), H	1876	73
576		Dolly Brainerd, *l* Htfd. 1st	1862	78
577		Roxanna Hayden, m. Jos. Chittenden	1853	61
578		Nancy Clark, m. (784), *l* Fremont, Ill., 1845	1853	
579		Dolly Clark, m. Rev. James Kapple		
580		Clarissa Button, m. (821), *l* E. Haddam 1835		
581		Florilla Smith	1819	17
582		Catharine Brooks, m. (717)		
583		Harriet Clark, m. Heman Tyler, *l* Madison 1843	1876	80
584		Jedidah Hazleton	1836	44
585		Philinda Brainerd, m. Davis Kelsey	1827	24
586		Elizabeth Dickinson, m. (564), rem. Mich.		
587		Mary Dickinson, m. David Phelps	1826	
588		Clarissa Cone, m. Isaac Loveland, *l* Durham 1830	1830	35
589		Thankful Smith, H	1872	88
590		Ana Hubbard Brainerd, m. (631)	1869	66
591		Miriam Brainerd	1825	33
592		Hepzibah Brainerd, m. Benj. Hubbard, *l* New Durham, N. Y.	1843	48
593		Drusilla Brainerd, m. Sylvester Austin, *l* New Durham, N. Y.		
594		Clarissa Brainerd, m. Smith Ventres	1887	87
595		Ursula Brainerd, m. (562)	1869	72
596		Elizabeth Ann Clark, m. (561)	1833	33
597		Rebecca Smith, m. (566)	1846	53
598	Mar. 7.	Ira Shailer	1840	77
599		Nathan Tyler	1863	95

				Died	Age
600			Esther *Shailer* Tyler (599)	1854	84
601			Esther Tyler	1864	66
602			Henry Smith	1827	42
603			Sylvia *Stevens* Smith (602)	1868	75
604			Selden Gladwin, H	1883	88
605			Lydia *Lane* Gladwin (604), H	1850	55
606			Esther *Higgins* Tyler (Rufus), wid.		
607			Hannah *Burr* Scovil (Hez.), H	1859	65
608			Dolly Smith, m. (759), *l* Portland 1823, ret. 1825		
609			Wells Knowles, to M. E. 1832, w.	1861	74
610			Elliot Brainerd, H	1862	69
611			Gideon Gladwin		
612			Maria *Foote* Clark (716) [Northford]	1875	76
613	Apr.	4.	Job Hubbard, Jr., H	1853	80
614			Winslow Higgins, rem.	1828	
615			Lydia *Smith* Higgins (614), *l* M. Haddam 1st		
616			Asa Young, Dea. 1827–1836, *l* Munson, O., 1836		
617			Anna Arnold, m. Elder Dickinson		
618	May	2.	Selden Tyler, *l* E. Haddam 1848	1871	88
619			Sarah *Randall* Tyler (618), *l* E. Had. 1848	1879	88
620			Willard Gladwin, ex. 1832	1837	54
621			Amzi Lee, *l* E. Haddam 1823		
622			Selden Huntington, H	1846	60
623			Sylvanus Clark, Jr., *l* Guilford		
624	June	6.	Heman Child	1830	
625			Lydia Brainerd, m. Simon Arnold, *l* Brooklyn, O., 1835		
626			Fanny Bowdridge Shailer, m. Jas. Brainerd	1842	50
627			Jonathan Huntington [E. Haddam]	1832	90
628			Abigail Smith (Davis) [Rocky Hill]		
629	July	4.	Daniel Clark Dickinson, Jr., *l* Penn.		
630			Christiana *Clark* Dickinson (629), *l* Penn.		
631	Aug.	1.	Edward Rutty	1847	48
632			Anna *Clark* Ely (William)	1859	88
633			Hannah *Wheeler* Brooks (Jas., 2d)	1837	53
634			Abigail Brainerd		
635		8.	Calvin Brainerd [M. Had. 1st], to M. E., w. 1820		
636	Oct.	3.	James Gladwin, to M. E.	1859	76
637			Margaret *Tripp* Gladwin (636), H	1865	85
638			Ursula Brainerd, to M. E., w. 1821		
639	Dec.	5.	Ediatha Arnold	1831	

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				Died	Age
640	May	6.	Zillah *Cone* Kelsey (Benj.)	1835	70
641	Oct.	1.	Catharine *Shailer* Clark (Noah)	1852	80
642	Nov.	16.	John Ely	1821	40
643	Dec.	3.	Aaron Smith	1825	88
644			James Thomas	1842	89
645			Susannah *Clark* Cone (Noah)	1830	
646			Lucy Wheeler ( ), wid., m. Jon. Parsons, rem.		
647			Experience *Smith* Bailey (Harris), wid.	1823	38

1821

648	Feb.	3.	Simon Hazleton	1870	74
649			Brittania *Curtis* Hazleton (648)	1871	73
650			Susan *Brainerd* Arnold (Jared)	1867	86
651			Jennette *May* Parmalee (Linus), *l* M. Had. 1st 1846		
652			Wealthy *Smith* Hubbard (Matthew), *l* E. Had. 1828		
653			Laura Knowles, m. (676), *l* E. Had. 1826	1878	78
654			Lorinda Hull, H	1892	88
655			Filiofeete Higgins, w.		
656			Susan Dickinson, m. (853), H	1893	90
657			Ursula Smith, m. Jonathan Arnold	1838	34
658			Eveline Butler, m. (752), *l* Burlington		
659			Nancy Gladwin		
660			Martha Stevens, *l* Durham 1826		
661			Eliza Burr, m. Benanuel Bonfoey, H	1886	82
662			Mariam Smith, H	1878	86
663			Louisa D. Smith, m. —— Dickinson, *l* at large		
664			Beulah Smith, *l* at large		
665			Orpha I. Smith, *l* at large		
666			Mary Ann Clark, m. and rem. West		
667	Mar.	3.	Thomas Clark Smith	1824	30
668			Hannah *Brainerd* Butler (John), *l* Hrfd.		
669			Elizabeth Clark ( ), wid.		
670			Cynthia Tibbals, m. Bela Burr	1836	35
671			Harriet Smith, m. Leonard Towner, *l* Midtn. South 1842		
672	Apr.	1.	Cynthia Child, H	1875	82
673			Phebe *Tibbals* Tibbals (Nathan), H	1863	81
674			Jemima Tibbals, m. Porter Brooks, *l* Northford		

				Died	Age
675	May	5.	Lucinthia *Cone* Warner (Dr. A. F.) [Westchester], m. (852)	1846	50
676	June	3.	James Gladwin, Jr., *l* E. Haddam 1826	1880	82
677			Orrin Skinner, H	1878	80
678			Ansel Smith, *l* Cromwell 1832		
679			Dyer Cowdry, schoolmaster		
680			Sydney Smith Hazleton, *l* LeRoy, N. Y., 1846		
681			Sabra *Clark* Tyler (734)	1848	51
682			Mary *Scovil* Higgins (683), *l*		
683	July	8.	Asa Higgins, *l* Covington		
684			Horace Arnold	1884	88
685			Sylvia *White* Arnold (684)	1881	87
686			Susanna Dickinson	1867	86
687			Maria Tyler, m. D. Chapman Emmons	1858	56
688			Almira Skinner (Austin)		
689			Sibyl Skinner, m. (678), *l* Cromwell 1832		
690	Aug.	5.	Jonathan Smith	1834	88
691			Martha *Merwin* Clark (496), H	1849	74
692			Jemima *Brainerd* Bailey (Saml.), wid.	1840	71
693	Sept.	2.	Ezekiel Shailer Clark	1885	88
694			Julia Brooks, m. Danl. Barker, *l* Chester 1827		

1822

695	May	5.	Huldah Smith, m. (693)	1846	46
696	Aug.	4.	Abigail *Bushnell* Brainerd (Jacob), H	1854	63
697			Ulysses Butler [Rocky Hill], *l* Portland 1823	1823	28
698			Mrs. Ulysses Butler (697) [Rocky Hill], *l* Portland 1823		
699	Nov.	3.	Thalia *Norton* Hayden (John) [Hebron], *l* Hebron 1844		

1823

700	Aug.	3.	Elizur Spencer	1828	72
701			Hannah *Dart* Brainerd (770)	1848	82
702	Sept.	7.	Margaret *Bailey* Brainerd (Giles)	1835	69
703			Jerusha *Brooks* Brainerd (Cornelius), H	1852	71
704			Ann Lord *Johnson* Huntington (622)	1823	36

1824

705	Apr.	4.	Timothy Walkley [Midtn.], rem. West		
706			Sarah *Parmalee* Walkley (705) [Midtn.]		

				Died	Age
707			Alva Shailer, rem. Saugerties, N. Y., 1845	1852	58
708	May	2.	James Kelly Child	1837	73
709			David Bonfoey, H	1863	85
710			Darius Dickinson, H	1880	95
711			Anna *Hubbard* Dickinson (710)	1850	65
712			Sally Maria Dickinson, m. (855)	1894	86
713			David Dickinson, H	1852	66
714			Timothy Tyler, w. 1865	1876	86
715			Harriet *Smith* Tyler (714)	1835	37
716			Dudley Clark	1872	82
717			William Ely Mather, *l* West		
718			Fiske Shailer	1829	31
719			Susanna *Tyler* Dickinson (Stephen)	1835	62
720			Mary *Ely* Dickinson (749)		
721			Bethia *Randall* Tyler (Capt. Samuel)	1833	36
722			Beulah Child, H	1886	90
723			Larissa Shailer		
724			Nancy Shailer, m. Austin Lay, *l* Centerbrook 1834	1865	63
725			Fanny Tyler, m. (a) G. J. Holt, (b) Rev. Matthias Gossett, *l* Chester 1827	1896	92
726			Dorothy Tyler, m. Fred. Cooper, *l* Chester 1827	1896	90
727			Delia Brainerd, m. J. A. Ackley, *l*		
728			Susan Brainerd, m. (a) Jno. P. Elton, (b) Anson Hancock, rem. Fla. 1827		
729			Olive *Bulkley* Chapman (Revillo) [Rocky Hill], *l* Rocky Hill	1866	
730	June	6.	Luther Freeman, ex. 1832		
731			Hester *Bushnell* Freeman (730), H	1858	84
732			George Clark, rem. Somonauk, Ill.	1857	65
733			Emily *Smith* Clark (732)	1845	50
734			Samuel Tyler, 2d	1863	68
735			George Edgar Bailey, to Bapt., w., 1828		
736			Asa Brainerd, rem. Oquawka, Ill.	1840	
737			Henry Lyman Shailer, rem. Madison	1875	73
738			Chauncey Allen Dickinson, H	1889	83
739			Lydia Sherman (Benj.), wid.	1841	85
740			Elizabeth *Crook* Ely (642), wid.	1828	48
741			Jemima Brainerd	1851	71
742			Orpha Ann Carter, m. Nathan Pratt, *l* E. Had.		
743			Hannah Dickinson, m. (735), *l* Deep River, 1837		
744			Mary Ann Shailer, *l* Madison 1867	1894	88
745			Hannah Ely, m. William Emmons	1897	91
746			Martha Maria Arnold, m. Dr. Hill		
747			Mary Ann Clark, m. (a) Ansel Warner, (b) (566)	1866	59

				Died	Age
748	July	4.	Joseph Burr	1844	64
749			John Dickinson	1841	66
750			Lucy *Smith* Brainerd (385)	1831	50
751			Mehitable *Dickinson* Williams (Elijah)	1863	62
752			Chester Hamlin, M.D. [Farmington], *l* Burlington		
753			Esther *Thomas* Brainerd (967) [Leyden, N. Y.], H	1855	70
754	Aug.	1.	Alvin Brainerd, H	1862	70
755			Elizabeth *Pelton* Brainerd (754)	1834	44
756	Sept.	5.	Concurrence *Wilcox* Child (Hez.) [Killingworth], H	1875	74
757			Polly Lewis [Southampton, Mass.], m. (a) Leander Bailey, (b) (534), *l* Midtn. 1854	1876	76

1825

758	July	3.	Frances Fowler *Tallmadge* Marsh (Rev. John) [Warren], *l* Brooklyn, N. Y., Pres., 1840	1852	57
759	Sept.	4.	Howell Bowers [Portland], *l* Midtn. South 1842		
760			Dolly *Smith* Bowers (759) [Portland], see 608, *l* Midtn. South 1842		

1826

761	Nov.		Ansel Brainerd, 2d	1885	91

1827

762	Feb.	3.	Maritta Gladwin [Centerbrook], m. Olmsted Brainerd, *l* Middlefield 1838		
763	Mar.	3.	Martha *Harding* Ackley (Danl.) Brainerd (355), m. Dea. Asa Goslee, *l* Buckingham 1839		
764			Ann Gladwin (997)	1831	50
765	Sept.	3.	Chauncey Deming Skinner [Midtn.], H	1888	86
766	Dec.	2.	Jonathan Randall [Norwich]	1828	83
767			Eunice Randall (766) [Norwich]		

1828

768	Feb.	3.	Elisha Clark, H	1847	59
769	Mar.		Lucy W. *Swan* Clark (693) [Millington]	1832	30
770			Ansel Brainerd	1840	76

				Died	Age
771			Esther *Knowles* Smith (Sylvanus) Brainerd (322)	1843	84
772			Laura *Brainerd* Shailer (707), *l* Saugerties, N. Y., Dutch Ref., 1858		
773	Apr.		Selden Skinner	1870	79
774			Elizabeth *Randall* Skinner (773)	1847	58
775			Hiram Brooks, H	1894	87
776			Gideon Brainerd	1843	42
777	May	4.	Josiah Flagg [Berlin], *l* Mtn. So. 1835		
778			Sally Flagg (777) [Berlin], *l* Mtn. So. 1835		
779			Clarissa *May* Kelsey (Davis) [Putney, Vt.]	1874	78
780			Caleb Brainerd	1846	70
781			Asahel Bonfoey, H	1845	60
782			Jonathan Burr, ex. 1834	1834	
783			Benjamin Hopkins Catlin, M. D., *l* Meriden 1842	1880	78
784			Hurlburt Swan, *l* Fremont, Ill., 1845	1878	
785			Asa Mitchell, *l* Midtn. South		
786			Davis Smith		
787			Joseph Brooks Hubbard, H	1872	62
788			Almorin Young, *l* Chagrin Falls, O.		
789			Nathaniel Matthew, *l* M. Haddam 1st		
790			Nathan Emery Stannard		
791			Benjamin Smith, H	1865	80
792			Lydia *Burr* Smith (791)	1844	54
793			Rowena Porter Smith, m. A. Spencer, H	1875	64
794			Miranda Ann Smith, m. (943), H	1866	53
795			Alanson Porter Brainerd, *l* M. E. 1840		
796			Elijah Brainerd	1833	22
797			Sally Parthena Brainerd, m. E. Southmayd, *l* Durham		.
798			George Kelsey	1863	76
799			Eunice *Tully* Kelsey (798)	1869	75
800			Lavinia Smith, m. (776)	1835	27
801			Hope Randall Lord, rem. West		
802			Nathan Tyler Dickinson, rem. Penn., to M. E.	1901	95
803			Jemima Cone, H	1849	82
804			Esther Irene Walkley, m. Rev. James Noyes, *l* Westfield 1834, ret. 1840	1896	87
805			Eunice *Thomas* Brooks (Geo.), wid., m. (538)	1848	57
806			Hannah Brooks, m. Gilbert Crook, H	1890	78
807			Lucy Alma Brooks, m. John Briggs, *l* Midtn. South 1836		
808			Mary G. Brooks, *l* Cromwell 1839		
809			Elizabeth Ann Clark		

		Died	Age
810	Elizabeth Leeds *Comstock* Huntington (362), H	1849	62
811	Sarah Huntington, H	1873	62
812	Fanny *Cotton* Child (Samuel), wid.	1843	52
813	Margery Maria Dickinson, m. C. Scranton		
814	Fanny Smith Brainerd, H	1846	40
815	Caroline Mehitable Usher, m. Roswell Reed, H	1885	75
816	Mary Elizabeth Dickinson, m. Wm. Selkirk, *l* Gt. Barrington, Mass., 1837		
817	Dolly Skinner, H	1878	78
818	Mary *Smith* Skinner (Sylvester), H	1883	91
819	Martha Smith Clark, m. —— Dye, *l* Chicago, 1835		
820	Mary Rebecca Brooks, m. Orrin Atwater, *l* Southingtou 1836		
821	Edmund Hubbard, *l* E. Had. 1835		
822	Marietta Hull, H	1899	89
823	Armenia Maritta Hubbard, m. J. N. Patten, *l* Rahway, N. J., 1st Pres., 1837	1843	33
824	John Ogden Hubbard, ex. 1836	1838	25
825	Willard Post		
826	Bela Burr, H	1857	52
827	Ruel Knowles, H	1883	80
828	Achsah *Hubbard* Knowles (827), H	1888	79
829	Irena Hubbard, m. Joseph Burr, H		
830	Chauncey Bonfoey, *l* Spfd., Pa., 1842		
831	Irwin W. Smith, *l* E. Smithfield, Pa.		
832	Lucy Ann Smith, m. Benj. S. Bailey, H	1873	61
833	Esther *Wheeler* Hubbard (Simeon)	1832	51
834	Esther Maria Hubbard, m. Heber Brainerd	1892	84
835	Anthea Hubbard, m. —— McKane	1845	34
836	Dolly Hubbard (430), wid.	1837	59
837	Harriet Hubbard, m. Enos Smith, H	1893	
838	Laura Dwight Smith, H	1861	49
839	Mary Ann Smith, m. A. C. Hubbard, H	1896	82
840	Huldah Spencer, m. Gustavus N. Wilcox, *l* Middletown 1st 1835		
841	Electa Burr, m. Asahel Pelton, to M. E.		
842	Hannah Burr, m. Darius Skinner, H	1846	36
843	Nancy Tibbals, m. David Bailey, H	1888	76
844	Desire *Spencer* Spencer (Felix), H	1867	73
845	James Ray	1874	75
846	Hancy *Smith* Ray (845)	1883	80
847	Arza Dickinson, H	1858	66

				Died	Age
848			Phebe *Crook* Dickinson (847)	1866	73
849			Dimmis *Dickinson* Ray (Benj.)	1846	65
850	June	1.	Sarah *Day* Brainerd (761) [Westchester]	1887	87
851			George Smith Brainerd, Dea. 1841–1872	1872	80
852			Ira Hutchinson, M. D., *l* Cromwell 1854	1881	81
853			Russell Gladwin, H	1874	74
854			Tyrus Brainerd	1846	40
855			Deantheum Hubbard Brainerd	1892	86
856			Simeon Hamilton Hubbard	1880	70
857			Jonathan Huntington, 3d, *l* Newark, N. J.		
858			Thomas H. Clark, *l* Madison 1837		
859			Hezekiah C. Brooks		
860			David Tyler, *l* Deep River 1839	1888	82
861			Polly *Rossiter* Cone (Noadiah), H	1868	86
862			Sylvia *Lewis* Bailey (557), *l* Centerbrook 1829		
863			Melantha Gladwin, to Higganum 1866	1900	88
864	July	6.	Edwin Almon Smith		
865			Sophia *Gladwin* Smith (864), H	1888	85
866			Joshua Brainerd, to Bapt., w.		
867			Davis Smith Brainerd, Rev., Pastor Lyme 1841–1875	1875	67
868			Martha Eugenia Brainerd, m. Silas Smith, *l* Htfd. North 1848		
869			Lucinda Ann Clark, m. E. Rockwell, w.		
870	Aug.	3.	William White, ex.	1871	72
871			Laura *Dickinson* White (870)	1895	90

1829

872	Sept.	6.	Amelia Crane ( ) Child (708) [Clinton], *l* Clinton 1837		

1830

873	Feb.	7.	John B. Augur [Stillwater, N. Y.], *l* 1841		
874	Mar.	7.	Charles Dickinson, Rev. [E. Had.]	1854	43

1831

875	Mar.		Amelia Brainerd	1854	53
876	Apr.	3.	Esther *Smith* Brainerd (Alfred)	1835	40
877	July	3.	Wealthy *Child* Smith (Geo. W.)		
878			Betsey *Clark* Child (Chauncey), H	1860	67

			Died	Age
879		Lucinthia *Burke* Smith (914), m. Daniel Smith	1887	87
880		Mary *Young* Smith (881), rem. Ohio		
881	Sept. 3.	Edwin Smith, rem. Ohio		
882		Cyprian Strong Brainerd, Dea. 1846–1880	1880	75
883		Florilla *Hull* Brainerd (882)	1897	90
884		Willard Cook, *l* Fremont, Ill., 1846		
885		Abigail *Brainerd* Cook (884), *l* Fremont, Ill., 1846	1854	
886		Nancy Shailer, m. R. Cunningham, *l* Joliet, Ill., Pres., 1840		
887		Mary Ann Walkley, m. A. C. Hall, *l* Westerly, R. I., 1846		
888		Mary Ann Williams, m. (a) Atwood Spencer, (b) Hiram Brooks, to M. E.	1871	57
889		Sarah Ann Brainerd, m. (928), *l* Madison 1850		
890		Abigail *Day* Smith (Justin), *l* M. Had. 1st, 1848		
891		Abigail *Andrus* Arnold (Jas. C.) [Westfield], *l* Berlin 1839		
892	Nov. 6.	Alexander Whittlesey Hall, *l* Waterbury 1839		
893		David B. Knowles, *l* Centerbrook 1850	1900	
894		Charlotte *Hubbard* Skinner (765), H	1873	73
895	Dec.	Mary Parmalee, to M. E., w.		
896		Rebecca Brainerd, m. Eleazer Burr, *l* W. Had. M. E., 1843		

1833

897	Jan.	Mary Brackett (Reuben) [Trenton, N. J.]		
898	Mar. 31.	Orrin Olcott Wickham, *l* Sag Harbor, N. Y., 1836		
899		Daniel Clark Tyler, Rev., *l* Wampsville, N. Y., Pres., 1885		
900		Matilda W. Hall (892) [Madison], *l* Waterbury 1839		
901	Oct. 29.	Jennette *McCurdy* Stewart Huntington (622) [N. Y.], to M. E., w. 1847		

TERTIUS S. CLARKE, PASTOR 1834–1837

1834

			Died	Age
902	Aug.	Harriet Clark [Lyme], m. J. O. Rich, H	1852	46
903	Nov.	Lucy *Catlin* Bull (Dr. Bull) [Watertown], *l* Meriden 1842		

1835

904	Jan.	Roxanna *Blatchley* Brooks (775) [Killingworth]	1836	29
905		Louisa P. *Emmons* Cook (915) [E. Had.], H	1888	88
906		William Hubbard, *l* Two Ridge Pres., O., 1842		
907		Sarah Maria Smith, m. J. A. Brown, H		
908	Mar.	Almira A. *Marshall* Clark (Rev. T. S.) [So. Deerfield, Mass.], *l* Stockbridge, Mass., 1837	1856	
909		Gould Campbell	1867	
910		Sarah Campbell (909) [Wallingford]	1874	
911		Elizabeth Tamzon Burr, m. G. W. Guy, *l* Midtn. South 1839		
912		Dolly Flagg (George), wid.	1840	37
913	May	Ann Clark, m. Dea. Parmalee, *l* Durham 1842		
914		Eliphalet Smith	1836	37
915		Ebenezer Cook, H	1844	45
916		Clarissa *Thomas* Brainerd (Alvin) [Midtn. South], H	1866	75
917	July	Felix Miner Spencer	1897	80
918		John Kelsey	1853	36
919	Sept.	Mary Ann *Strong* Cone (John), wid., m. (775), H	1863	54
920		Emma Brainerd, m. G. Hubbard, *l* Collinsville 1838, ret. 1843	1849	37
921	Nov.	Nancy Smith Brainerd, m. G. W. Guy, H		

1836

922	Jan.	Amelia Deborah *Spencer* Catlin (783) [Hadlyme], *l* Meriden 1842	1883	71

DAVID D. FIELD, PASTOR 1837–1844

1837

				Died	Age
923	Jan.		Emma *Elliot* May (561) [Georgetown, D. C.], H	1853	45
924			Danforth Turner [Mid. Haddam 1st]	1875	81
925	Apr.	16.	Huldah B. Brainerd (Linus), wid. [Killingworth]	1837	45
926		23.	Jedidah *Denison* Ventres (951) [Centerbrook]	1879	73
927	May	14.	Submit *Dickinson* Field (Rev. D. D.), see 366 [Stockbridge], H	1861	78
928			Milton Brooks, ex.		
929			Nathaniel Cook	1876	84
930			Linus Burr Smith, H	1854	36
931			Betsey Ann Brainerd, m. J. W. Gladding, *l* Midtn. 1846		
932			Elizabeth Huntington, m. (851), H	1895	79
933			Cynthia Huntington, m. R. W. Newton, *l* Durham 1841	1893	75
934	July	2.	Phebe Holden *Child* Smith (571)	1874	62
935			Emily Smith	1874	59
936			Elizabeth Smith, m. (776)	1871	55

1838

937	Apr.	1.	Elizabeth Gladwin (Silas) [Midtn. 1st], H	1869	90
938			Elizabeth *Tyler* Scovil (Whitney), wid., m. Abel W. Reed, *l* No. Brookfield, Mass., 1848	1892	74
939			Amelia Brittania Hazleton, m. Rev. O. F. Parker, *l* Wapping 1844	1879	59
940			Frances Maria Hazleton, m. Rev. Thos. Tallman, *l* Scotland 1844		
941	May	6.	Mary *Hazleton* Cook (929)	1862	75
942			Jemima *Hill* Hazleton (680), *l* LeRoy, N. Y. 1846		
943	June	10.	Theodore Dwight Hayes [Granby], H	1882	79

1840

944	July	5.	Eliza Ann *Gaylord* Burr (Nathan D.) [Killingworth], *l* Meriden 1855
945	Sept.	6.	Esther I. *Walkley* Noyes (Rev. Jas.)

				Died	Age
			[Middlefield], see 804, *l* Burlington 1843	1896	87
946		27.	Henry Martyn Field, Rev. [Wms. Coll. Ch.], entered Pres. ministry		

1841

947	July	4.	Sylvester Davis Brainerd, H		
948			Michael Hubbard, H	1889	73
949			James Hurlburt Swan, *l* Fremont, Ill., 1845		
950			Christopher Tyler, *l* Stamford 1852	1898	76
951			David Brainerd Ventres	1889	94
952			Joseph Whiting		
953			Nancy *Dickinson* Ayres (Aaron L.), *l* Chester 1865		
954			Maria Shailer Bonfoey, m. Chas. Babcock, H		
955			Jerusha Thomas Bonfoey, H		
956			Amelia Melissa Bonfoey, m. Noah Burr, H		
957			Cornelia Brainerd, m. (1039)		
958			Clarissa *Hubbard* Dickinson (Jonah), wid.	1861	83
959			Sarah Elizabeth Gladwin, m. Jesse Spencer, H	1888	61
960			Jennette May Parmalee, m. S. Stilwell, *l* M. Had. 1st 1845		
961			Elizabeth Rutty	1846	24
962			Esther Brainerd Rutty		
963			Hannah Scovil, m. (950), *l* Stamford 1852	1859	36
964			Esther Miranda Tyler, m. W. W. Dickinson, *l* Chester 1873	1900	80
965	Sept.	5.	Jerusha Abigail Arnold, m. Sylvester Dickinson	1862	41
966			Sylvia Arnold, m. (a) (968), (b) Warren W. Pardee	1853	31
967			Sylvester Brainerd, 2d, H	1862	79
968			Charles Smith Brainerd	1849	28
969			Ezra Brainerd, rem. Durham		
970			Lois Brainerd, H	1848	25
971			Elizabeth Ann Cone, m. S. D. Clark, H	1883	57
972			Ansel Brainerd Cook, *l* Fremont, Ill., 1846		
973			Martha Ely, m. Storrs L. Hubbard, H	1890	63
974			Orpha Matilda Gladwin, m. Willis North, H		

			Died	Age
975		Gilbert Selden Gladwin, H	1887	66
976		Tamzon Elizabeth Gladwin, m. Danl. Scovil, H	1859	37
977		Electa Kelsey	1857	58
978		Julia Kelsey, m. D. C. Emmons	1898	94
979		Amy Ann Spencer, H, m. Sanderson		
980		Albert Scranton, *l* Midtn. South 1842		
981		Albert Oscar Swan, *l* Fremont, Ill., 1845	1859	
982		Drusilla *Brainerd* Turner (924)	1855	59
983		Nancy Tyler	1880	78
984		Sabra Denison Tyler, m. Henry M. Watrous, *l* Chester 1850	1893	70
985		Ursula Tyler, m. (1045)	1857	32
986		Ellen Tyler, m. W. H. Chapman, *l* E. Had. 1848		
987	Nov. 7.	Margaret *Denison* Burr (Jonathan H.) [Deep River], H		

1842

988	Apr. 3.	Freelove Beers (Josiah) [No. Guilford], H	1849	48
989	24.	Florilla Bonfoey [Midtn. So.], m. Geo. A. Freeman, H	1887	73
990		Amelia Bonfoey [Midtn. So.], m. Cornelius Brainerd, H		
991	Sept. 4.	Almira M. *Clark* Brainerd (Abraham) [Westfield, Mass.], H		

1843

992	June 8.	Eunice Sutlief, H	1844	40
993	Aug. 20.	Mary Ann *Winchel* Thomas (H. Atwood) [Cheshire], *l* Cheshire 1878		
994	Sept. 3.	Amelia Sophronia Barry, H		
995		Antoinette Maria Hubbard, m. S. H. Burr, H		
996		Emma *Brainerd* Hubbard (Gilbert), wid. [Asylum, Pa.], H, m. (787), see 920	1849	37

Year of admission unknown

997		Silas Gladwin, H	1854	80
998		Abigail *Thomas* Brainerd (Alfred), H	1861	

			Died	Age
999		Tamzon *Bushnell* Merwin (Daniel), H	1868	85
999a		Clarissa Thomas (James), *l* Madison 1843	1848	

WILLIAM H. GILBERT, ACTING PASTOR

1846

1000	Jan. 11.	George W. Graham [Buffalo, N. Y., Park Pres.], *l* E. Had. 1846	1894	84
1001		Mary E. *Dibble* Graham (1000) [Buffalo, Park Pres.], *l* E. Had. 1846	1901	83

ISRAEL P. WARREN, ACTING PASTOR

1002	May 10.	Elizabeth Jemima Hazleton, m. E. F. Ensign, *l* LeRoy, N. Y., 1846		
1003		Lucinthia Hutchinson, m. Geo. H. Butler, *l* Cromwell 1854		
1004		Mary Kelsey		
1005		Harriet Kirtland, m. S. Lynde Hart, *l* Saybrook 1846		
1006		Mary Emma Brainerd		
1007		Ann Lord Hayden, m. Jos. W. Brackett	1892	67
1008		Mary Brainerd	1896	64
1009		Ursula Brainerd	1849	27
1010		Huldah Ann Kelsey, m. Orrin Shailer	1899	70
1011		Elizabeth Ann Barry, m. (a) Benj. Day, (b) Abner Hurd, *l* Mid. Had. 1st 1878		
1012		Mary Lavinia Brainerd, m. H. P. Brainerd, *l* Enfield		
1013		Elizabeth Skinner, m. Sylvester C. Dunham, *l* 1867		
1014		Adelaide Kirtland, m. Geo. L. Stevens, *l* Saybrook 1846		

ELISHA W. COOK, PASTOR 1846–1852

1847

1015	May 2.	Caroline Skinner	1847	20
1016		Caroline Cornelia Cook, m. Ashbel P. Willard, *l* New Albany, Ind., Pres. 1847		
1017		Catharine Cordelia Cook		

1848

			Died	Age
1018	Jan. 2.	Asenath B. Leonard [Baltimore 6th Pres.], *l* So. Hadley Falls, Mass., 1852		
1019		Asenath F. Snow (Rev. P. H.) [Baltimore 6th Pres.], *l* Syracuse, N. Y., 1850		
1020		Laura *Parmalee* Smith (Rev. Noah) [Killingworth]		
1021	May 7.	Laura Ann *Dart* Hutchinson (852) [Mid. Had. 1st], *l* Cromwell 1854	1883	70
1022		Henry Austin Ventres, *l* Belleville, N. J., Dutch Ref., 1850	1898	72
1023		Eveline Hutchinson, m. Cephas Brainerd, *l* Cromwell 1854		
1024		Nancy Maria *Bailey* Treat (Jos.)	1862	50
1025		Flora Matilda *Fuller* Ray (Eber) [E. Haddam], to Bapt., w. 1850		

1849

1026	Mar. 4.	Marvin Smith [Madison]	1880	84
1027		Eleanor Mehitable Williams [Chester], m. John Boylston, *l* Deep River 1855, ret. 1870	1880	50
1028		Sarah Amelia Ventres, m. (1045)	1867	35
1029		Jennette Tyler Ventres, m. (1101), *l* Florence, Col. Pres., 1898		

1850

1030	May 5.	Nancy Amelia Williams, m. (1060)	1901	70
1031	Sept. 1.	Sarah Louisa Brainerd, *l* Portland 1889	1893	61
1032		Cornelia Ann Brainerd	1852	17

1851

1033	Jan. 5.	Amanda Brainerd	1881	88
1034		Nancy Tyler, m. D. Nelson Arnold		
1035		Ann Maria Brainerd, m. G. W. Wallace, *l* Htfd. South, 1865		

1852

1036	May 1.	Susan Kelsey	1853	63
1037	2.	Lamira Dickinson, m. Danl. Brooks, *l* Midtn. So. 1878		

			Died	Age
1038		Martha Miranda *Smith* Cook (Rev. E. W.) [Danbury 1st], yr. of adm. unkn., *l* Haydenville, Mass., 1854		

ERASTUS COLTON, ACTING PASTOR 1852–1854

1853

1039	May 1.	Elihu Bigelow Rogers	1902	80
1040		Mary Ann *Child* Clark (693)	1876	61
1041		Cynthia Virginia Brainerd, m. H. H. Brainerd		
1042		Martha Elizabeth Brainerd	1886	60
1043		Cynthia Sophia *Cook* Stanton (Dr. A. S.), *l* La Porte, Ind., Pres., 1853		
1044		Ira Shailer Brainerd, *l* St. Louis, Mo., 1859		
1045		Harvey Dickinson	1888	74
1046		Ellen Jedidah Ventres, m. (1061)	1896	59
1047		Erastus Shailer Dickinson	1870	56
1048		Esther Maria *Bailey* Dickinson (1047)	1892	71
1049		John Ferguson		
1050		Eugene Burtis Brainerd, *l* Ch. of Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1870	1897	65
1051	July 3.	Frances Jennette Dickinson, m. (1102)		
1052		Clarinda Almanza Brainerd, m. F. Prior, *l* Higganum 1864, ret. 1869		
1053		Ellen Elizabeth Wilcox, m. A. O. Smith, to Epis.		
1054		Samuel Maverick Kelsey		
1055		George Edward Kelsey	1875	51
1056		James Tully Kelsey, ex. 1886		
1057		Simon Gardiner Smith		
1058		Ezra Leander Brainerd, *l* Chicago 1860		
1059		Augustus Cone Hutchinson, *l* Cromwell 1854		
1060		Arnold Hazleton Hayden, Dea. 1881–1885	1891	64
1061		John Austin Brainerd	1875	41
1062		David Brainerd Emmons	1866	31
1063		Hannah Maria Emmons, m. (1141)	1869	31
1064		Anna Colton Brainerd, m. (1057)		
1065		Frances Marsh Hutchinson, m. Rev. E. Baldwin, *l* Cromwell 1854		
1066		Frances Amelia Smith, m. Tyrus B. Ventres, *l* Puritan Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y., 1869	1890	52

			Died	Age
1067		Clarissa May Kelsey, m. (1054)	1888	49
1068		Eliza *Whitmore* Dickinson (738)	1875	70
1069		Lydia Manila Tyler, m. Chas. A. T. Dickinson		
1070		William Hollis Burr	1876	58
1071		Mary Louisa Hubbard, m. C. J. Treat		
1072		Leander Clark Lewis, w.		
1073	Sept. 4.	Ursula Brainerd Hayden, m. (1094), *l* Hancock, Mich., 1865	1870	31

1854

1074	July 2.	Edwin Bidwell, M. D. [Westbrook], *l* Deep River 1861	
1075		Maria Chloe *Lee* Bidwell (1074) [Westbrook], *l* Deep River 1861	

JAMES L. WRIGHT, PASTOR 1855–1871

1857

1076	May 3.	Lucy A. *North* Wright (Rev. James L.) [Burlington], *l* Glastonbury abt. 1871	
1077	Nov. 1.	Henry Marvin Smith, to Deep River Bapt. 1865	

1858

1078	May 2.	Ezra Higgins Williams [M. E.], *l* Htfd. South Park M. E.	1885	57
1079		Mary Emma *Dickinson* Williams (1078) [M. E.], *l* 1890		
1080		Julia *Sabin* Dickinson (Neh.) [M.E.]	1873	83
1081		Parmelia *Brainerd* Smith (1087) [M. E.]	1880	64
1082		George Parmalee [M. E.]		
1083		Lydia *Brooks* Dickinson (Selden) [M. E.]	1885	61
1084		Elizabeth Amelia *Dickinson* Dickinson (David O.)		
1085		Lucretia Day Brainerd, m. Silas Payne, *l* Portland 1862		
1086		Jonathan Hamilton Lee, *l* 1859	1881	44
1087		Diodate Smith	1891	82
1088		Selina Ann Tyler	1887	74

			Died	Age
1089		Rosabel Brainerd, m. Wm. Page, *l* Stony Creek 1876		
1090		Sylvester Erza Brainerd, to Bapt., New Haven, w. 1868		
1091		Frances Selden Ventres, m. (1154), *l* Berlin 2d 1887		
1092		Mary Elizabeth *Holt* Tyler (734) [Chester], *l* Chester 1868	1898	87
1093		Harriet Hayden Clark		
1094		James North Wright, *l* Hancock, Mich., 1865		
1095		Margaret Love Spencer, m. Hiram Patterson	1886	44
1096	July 4.	Nancy Maria Ayres, *l* Chester 1865		
1097		Esther Miranda Dickinson, m. J. F. Hopkins, to Jeffersonville, Ind., M. E. abt. 1864		

1861

1098	Sept. 15.	Adelaide Augusta Richards, *l* Meriden M. E. 1863	1894	50

1862 (*probably*)

1099		Marion Jerusha *Porter* Treat (Jos.) [Manchester]	1887	65
1100		Lucy Miranda *Baker* Parmalee (1082) [Brattleboro, Vt., M. E.]		

1866

1101	May 6.	Cyrus Wilson Brainerd, *l* Florence, Col. Pres. 1898		
1102		Nathaniel Tyler	1901	71
1103		Josephine Cordelia *Clark* Russell (1168)		
1104		Sophia *Dickinson* Tyler (Ashbel)	1895	78
1105		Harriet Dickinson, m. Robt. Kerneghen, *l* 1869		
1106	July 1.	Margaret Rebecca *Smith* Smith (Chas. W.)	1894	69
1107		Andrew Jackson Hubbard, to Moodus M. E., w. 1878		
1108		Marvin Newton Brainerd, *l* Southington 1899		
1109		Clarence Wilmot Dickinson, *l* Fairport, Kans., Pres. 1887		

			Died	Age
1110		Sarah Jane Smith, m. Geo. H. Yale, *l* Wallingford Epis. 1883		
1111		Almira Louisa Rogers, m. (1157)		
1112		Alice Ventres		
1113		Harriet Newel Wright, m. Howard H. Carter, *l* Glastonbury 1871		
1114		Esther Maria Bliss	1895	63
1115	Sept. 9.	Alnora Dickinson, m. (1185), *l* Middlefield 1888		
1116		Josephine Cornelia Walkley, m. H. M. Moore		
1117		Chauncey Dickinson		
1118		Alida Jane Dickinson, m. Jos. B. Crook, *l* Chester 1890		
1119		Fanny Louisa Hubbard, *l* Moodus M. E. 1878		

1867

1120	May 5.	Darius Lugene Dickinson, to Bapt., Meriden, 1868		

1869

1120a	May 2.	Clarinda B. Prior (Fred.), wid. [Higganum], m. E. F. Scranton, *l* Meriden 1st 1878, ret. 1892, see 1052		
1121		Catharine Anna Ventres [Htfd. North]	1871	41
1122		Rosanna Fidelia Nettleton		

1870

1123	July 3.	Eleanor M. *Williams* Boylston (John) [Deep River], see 1027	1880	50
1124		Harriet Maria Brainerd, m. Leonard D. Skinner		
1125		Joseph John Arnold	1872	22
1126		Gideon Franklin Brainerd, *l* Htfd. Farm. Av. 1873		
1127		Judson Wells Clark	1873	21
1128		Denison Williams Clark, *l* Midtn. 1st 1885		
1129		Eva Estella Dickinson, m. (1117)		
1130	Sept. 4.	Louisa Fidelia *Brainerd* Clark (H. S.)	1898	55
1131		Davis Tyler Arnold		

			Died	Age
1132		Alvena Isavene Arnold, m. D. C. Parmalee, *l* Killingworth 1876		
1133	Oct. 30.	Melissa *Usher* Tyler (1172) [Higganum]		

EVERETT E. LEWIS, PASTOR 1871–

1872

1134	July 5.	Everett Edward Lewis, Rev. [E. W. Hill, Theo. Sem.]		
1135		Ellen *Hurd* Lewis (1134) [Bristol]	1877	37

1873

1136	Mar. 2.	Harriet *Kelsey* Chapman (Jas. A.), wid. [Westbrook]	1879	59
1137		Harriet E. *Chapman* Smith (Jos.) [Westbrook]	1898	56
1138	Nov. 2.	Emily Sophia *Dickinson* Bass (Newton A.), wid. [Jeffersonville, Ind., M. E.], *l* same 1881	1899	68

1874

1139	Jan. 4.	Catharine Rebecca Kelsey		

1875

1140	Jan. 3.	Belle *Kinner* Clark (Edgar E.) [M. Had. 2d]		
1141	May 2.	Osmer Levi Smith	1883	50
1142		Abbie A. *Emmons* Smith (1141) [Manchester M. E.], m. Jos. S. Dickinson		

1876

1143	Jan. 2.	John Henry Odber, Dea. 1881–		
1144		Catharine Elizabeth *Burr* Odber (1143)		
1145	May 7.	Edward Clark Arnold		
1146		Frank Hubbard Arnold, *l* Waterbury 2d 1895		
1147		Harriet Tyler Arnold, m. (1149), *l* Broadway Tabernacle, N. Y., 1888		

		Died	Age
1148	William Perkinson Arnold, *l* Portland 1886		
1149	Cephas Brainerd, Jr., *l* B'way Tabernacle, N. Y., 1888	1898	38
1150	Jennette Maria Brainerd, m. Jos. H. Walker	1898	42
1151	Jessie Jedidah Brainerd, m. W. C. Clark		
1152	Samuel Richardson Brainerd	1879	82
1153	Susan Buell	1902	58
1154	Henry Hobart Clark, *l* Berlin 2d 1887	1900	81
1155	Charles Austin Dickinson, *l* Fairport, Kans., Pres. 1887		
1156	Cynthia Ophelia *Dickinson* Dickinson (1155), *l* Fairport, Kans., Pres. 1887		
1157	George Albert Dickinson		
1158	Hattie Ursula Dickinson, m. (1108), *l* Southiugton 1899		
1159	Leora Gertrude Dickinson, m. Oscar A. Higgins, *l* Mich. City, Ind., 1883		
1160	Robert Smith Dickinson, *l* Fairport, Kans., Pres., 1887		
1161	Carrile Annabel *Dickinson* Dickinson (1160)	1880	29
1162	Ella *Arnold* Hayes (Emlin), wid., m. Rev. W. A. Luce, *l* Killingly M. E. 1881		
1163	George L. Hubbell, *l* 14th St. Pres., N. Y., 1878		
1164	Joseph Oliver Perry, *l* Guilford 3d 1879		
1165	Clara Tyler Russell	1901	51
1166	John Chatfield Russell, *l* Fairport, Kans., Pres., 1887		
1167	Helen Augusta Russell, m. (1179), *l* Waterbury 2d 1895		
1168	James Norman Russell	1896	56
1169	Hannah Elizabeth *Arnold* Russell (John H.)	1878	57
1170	George Z. Skaats, *l* Guilford 3d 1877		
1171	Huldah Ursula Smith		
1172	Alpheus Williams Tyler		
1173	Frances Eva Tyler, m. H. W. Slocum		
1174	Shailer Brooks Walkley		
1175	John Martin Ingersoll [Olivet Ch., Spfd., Mass.]	1885	40
1176	Abraham Skaats [Bridgeport 2d], *l* Guilford 3d 1877		
1177	Eliza V. Skaats (1176) [Bridgeport 2d], *l* Guilford 3d 1877		

			Died	Age
1178		Caroline Cornelia Willard [1st Pres., Po'k'psie, N. Y.], m. S. A. Russell		
1179	July 2.	Edward Warriner Hazen, *l* Waterbury 2d 1895		
1180		Anna Dickinson, m. W. L. Parmalee, *l* Killingworth 1877		
1181		William Wallace Lawton, w.		
1182		Ann Eliza *Spencer* Spencer (Wm.), *l* Whitneyville 1895		
1183		Henrietta Alice *Palmer* Spencer (Alvin B.), *l* W. Had. M. E. 1879		
1184		Henry Hubert Brainerd, *l* Midtn. M. E. 1886		
1185		Franklin Wilson Brainerd, *l* Middlefield 1888		
1186		Samuel Tyler	1894	56
1187		Sarah Louisa *Arnold* Tyler (1186), *l* Meriden Center Ch. 1897		
1188		Allston Wentworth Treat	1877	19
1189		Maria Lavinia *Morgan* Spencer (Norman W.) [E. Hampton], *l* Whitneyville 1892		

1877

1190	May 6.	Ella Spencer Talmadge, *l* Guilford 3d 1880		
1191		Mary Catharine Mutter, m. Wm. H. Kelsey		

1879

1192	Feb. 27.	Miner Comstock Hazen, M. D. [Bapt.]		
1193		Lemira Rachel *Judson* Hazen (1192) [Bapt.]		
1194	Mar. 2.	Ann Augusta Smith		

1880

1195	May 2.	Mary Eliza Hazen, m. (1146), *l* Waterbury 2d 1895		
1196		Warren Tyler, *l* Bartow, Fla., Pres., 1892		
1197		Martha Maria *Ventres* Shailer (S. W.)		

1882

1198	July 2.	Sarah A. *Hall* Graves (Geo. L.) Sellew (Sidney), wid. [Platteville, Wis.]	1901	74

1883

			Died	Age
1199	May 6.	Armenia Maritta Brainerd [Higganum], m. Henry Spencer		

1884

1200	July 6.	Mary Noyes Tyler, m. Frederick H. Jones, *l* Wakefield, Mass., 1895		
1201		Martha Milner, *l* Limespring, Ia., M. E. 1886		
1202		John Denison Brainerd, *l* New Britain South 1893		
1203		Irving Tyler Shailer		
1204		Ezekiel Shailer		
1205	Sept. 7.	Rollin Usher Tyler		

1885

1206	Jan. 11.	William Augustus Kinner [M. Had. 2d], *l* Univ. Pl. Pres., N. Y. 1889, ret. 1899		
1207	Aug. 2.	Willard Eddy [Hartford 1st]		
1208	Sept. 6.	Lucy Abigail Hazen		
1209	13.	Lelia Emma *Buckingham* Clark (Dudley [Essex]	1897	64

1886

1210	May 2.	Ellen Maria Arnold, m. Elwyn T. Clark, *l* Higganum 1891		
1211		George Clark Walkley		
1212		Charles Stanton Church		
1213	Nov. 7.	Sylvia Ann Clark, m. (1206), *l* Midtn. South 1895, ret. 1899		

1887

1214	Jan. 2.	Sarah Elma Arnold, m. Wilton A. Taylor		

1888

1215		Johanna Schmidt [St. James Ch., Joseph Park, Liverpool, Eng.], *l* Epis. Ch. Ascension, New Haven, 1891		

1889

			Died	Age
1216	Jan. 6.	Winifred May Lewis		
1217	Feb. 28.	Martha Harmer [No. N. Y. M. E.], *l* Trinity M. E., Harlem, 1891	1898	47
1218	May 5.	Inez C. *Arnold* Walkley (1211) [Deep River]		

1890

1219	Jan. 5.	Justina *Russell* Shailer (A. R.) [Haddam Neck M. E.]		
1220	May 4.	Sophia Smith Shailer	1898	88

1892

1221	July 3.	Clarinda B. Wallace (E. B.) [Mt. Carmel], see 1052 and 1120a

1893

1222	Nov. 5.	Annie Wearing *Groves* Kelsey (Benj. W.) [Central M. E., Brooklyn, N. Y.]

1895

1223	May 12.	Selden Williams Tyler [Andover, Mass., Theo. Sem. Ch.]
1224	July 7.	Ella Maude *Lawrence* Hayden (Randolph)

1897

1225	Jan. 3.	Ada Maria Stebbins, m. Edw. L. Ferree, *l* Midtn. 1st 1898
1226		Myrtle *Tryon* Arnold (H. W.) [Centerbrook]
1227	May 2.	Ephraim Pierson Arnold
1228		Sarah Hettie *Arnold* Arnold (1227) [Had. Neck M. E.]
1229		Mary Alena *Russell* Arnold (Phil. C.)
1230		Samuel Arnold
1231		Harriet Baldwin *Brainerd* Arnold (1230) [Had. Neck M. E.]
1232		John Austin Brainerd
1233		Frederic Augustus Tiffany Clark
1234		Belle Dickinson

			Died	Age
1235		Elsie Hadassah Dickinson, m. (1204)		
1236		Ella Jane Kelsey		
1237		Frederick William Kelsey		
1238		Catharine Cook Russell		
1239		Carrie Elizabeth Shailer		
1240		Frederick Freeman Smith		
1241		Lida Amelia Stebbins, m. J. D. Kelsey		
1242		Clara Jedidah *Brainerd* Tyler (E. C.)		
1243	July 4.	Minnie Laura Shailer		
1244		Bertha Elsie Moore, *l* Berlin 2d 1902		

1899

1245	Sept. 10.	William A. Kinner [Midtn. South], see 1206		
1246		Sylvia A. *Clark* Kinner (1245) [Midtn. South], see 1213		

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A CAREFULLY prepared copy of the baptisms, marriages and deaths till about 1850, taken from the existing records of the church, is given in the following pages. No attempt is made to preserve the form of the records or their arrangement on the page. For convenience of reference the dates are uniformly arranged, present abbreviations and punctuation being used. Special care is given to making the names a literal transcript of the original entries. Brackets [ ] inclose information not found in the records and, occasionally, corrections of manifest errors. A few baptisms of persons from Haddam previous to 1756, copied from the records of neighboring churches, are prefixed to the list.

BAPTISMS

From the Records of the First Church of Christ at Middletown, organized on the 4th of the 9th month (Nov. 4, O. S.), 1668.

Mch. 7, 1669: Being the Lord's Day, Hannah Bate daughter to Mr. Bate of Thirty Mile Island (alas Haddum) Mrs. Bate being a member of and in full communion with the Church of Christ at Dorchester received the Innitiatory Seale of ye Covenant by virtue of Communion of Churches.

14, 11th: 71. Being the Lord's Day Abraham Diball sonne of Goodman Dibiall of Haddam received ye Initiatory seal of ye covenant by virtue of Communion of Churches ye mother being a member in full communion with the Church of Christ at Farmington.

2–4–72 Being the Lord's Day, Rebeckah Coan daughter of goodwife Coan of Haddam, received ye initiatory seale of ye covenant Baptisme by virtue of Communion of Churches ye mother being a member of the church of Christ at Lynn, in ye State of Innitiation.

7br–8–72 Being ye Lord's Day Joshua Braynard and John Stanard children of two of ye daughters of Ensign Spencer Children of ye Church of Christ at Lyn, received ye Initiatory seal of ye covenant baptism, by virtue of Communion of Churches.

25–3–73. Being ye Lord's Day, Ebenezer Coan son of Goodwife Coan of Hadum, a member of ye church of Christ at Lyn, by virtue of communion of churches received ye Initiatory seal of ye covenant Baptisme.

5–5m (1674). Wm. son of Daniel Braynard (on his wife's her account) by virtue of communion of churches, and Gerhard son of Thomas Spencer by virtue of communion of churches, being children of ye church of Christ at Lyn received ye Initiatory Seal of ye Covenant.

6–4–(1675) Nathaniel son of Goodwife Coan, with William son of Goodwife Stanard received ye Initiatory seal of ye covenant Baptisme, ye mothers members of ye Ch of Xt at Lynn in ye State of Innitiation.

7br–24–1676. Grace daughter of John & Hannah daughter of Thomas Spencer (members of ye Ch. of Xt at Lyn) received ye Initiatory Seal of ye Covenant.

26–3mo–(1678) Elijah Brainard & Steven Coane children of Two of ye daughters of Ensign Spencer of Haddam whose parents are children of ye ch of xt at Lynn were baptized.

9br–2–(1679) Thomas son of Thomas Spencer of Haddam a Child of ye Ch of Xt at Lyn . . . was baptized.

June 19, (1681) Jonathan son of Joseph Arnold of Haddam a member of ye first Church of Heartford was baptized.

1682, Meh. 19. Caleb son of Daniel Coan of Haddam his wife a member of ye church at Lyn (was baptized).

3–7th (1682) Joseph (son of Wm.) Spencer and Hezekiah (son of Hannah) Braynard were baptized.

June 8, 1684, Lydia (daughter of Nathaniel) Spencer was baptized, the father owning ye covenant, being a child of ye Church of Christ at Lyn, thence recommended with her father.

1690, June 15, Elizabeth (ye daughter of Joseph & Eliz) Arnold of Haddam baptized, ye Parents members in full Comn at Hartford.

1690, August 10, Hezekiah son of Wm. Spencer of Haddam was baptized.

1691, May 31, Susanna & Daniel children of Daniell & Susanna Brainard of Haddam were baptized the father then publicly owning ye Covenant.

1694, May 20, The same time Thomas Gates of Haddam a member ye first church at Hartford & his wife Hannah Gates (formerly Brainard) related to ye church at Saybrook both in ye State of Initiation taking hold of their parents covenant had their son Thomas baptized, as likewise Mary Cone (Some Gates) ye wife of Danl Cone standing in ye like relation to first Church at Hartford had her son Danll baptized both by virtue of Communion of Churches.

1695, Nov. 3, Micaiah son of Willm Spencer of Haddam and his wife Margaret Spencer was baptized.

1695, Nov. 10, Daniel son of Thomas & Hannah Gates of Haddam was baptized.

1695, Jany 5, Sarah the wife of John Smith (formerly White) owning ye covenant had her son Nathaniel baptized.

1696, June 21, Hannah ye daughter of Danll Braynard of Haddam was baptized.

1696, July 19, John ye son of John & Hannah Bate of Haddam was baptized by virtue of communion of churches, ye father related to ye Church of Christ in Dorchester ye mother to the first church of Xt in Hartford in ye State of Innitiation.

1696, Jany 17, John Ventres a member of ye Church of Christ in Haddam by virtue of communion of Churches was baptized according to ye advice of ye elders and messengers yt were present at ye gathering of ye church, ye being no officer to yt church.

1697, June 13, Stephen son of Gerhard & Eliz: Cone inhabitants of Haddam was baptized by communion of churches, ye father having been baptized at & ye mother a member of ye first church of Christ in Hartford in ye State of Initiation.

1697, July 18, Mr. Alexander Rollo was admitted to full communion with this church.

1697, July 25, Samll & Eliz: ye children of Mr. Rollo; Joseph & Eliz: ye children of Joseph Gates a member in full communion with ye church at Haddam; were baptized.

1698, May 8, Sarah ye daughter of Jno & Sarah Smith of Haddam was baptized ye mother being of this church.

1698, July 3, Joseph son of Joseph Arnold of Haddam was baptized by virtue of communion of churches ye father belonging to ye first church of Xt in Hartford.

1698, Nov. 13, Thomas ye son of Gerhard & Eliz: Coan (inhabitants of Haddam) was baptized by communion of churches ye father having been baptized at & ye mother belonging to Hartford.

1699, Sept. 10, Mehetabel ye daughter of Elizabeth ye wife of Jno Baily of Haddam was baptized by communion of churches ye mother belonging to the church of Christ in New London.

1699, Oct. 1, Margaret ye daughter of Willm & Margaret Spencer of Haddam (ye mother being in full communion with this church) was baptized. The same time Dorothy ye daughter of Nathll Spencer of Haddam was baptized by communion of churches.

1699, Oct. 29, Baptized Joseph ye son of Jno & Hannah Bate of Haddam by communion of churches. vid: July 19, 1696.

1699, Nov. 26, Elizabeth ye daughter of Jno & Sarah Smith of Haddam was baptized.

1700, June 2, Sarah ye daughter of Sarah Bidwell alias Sarah Braynard ye wife of Willm Braynard of Haddam was baptized the mother belonging to this church and having formerly owned ye covenant here.

1700, June 9, Daniel Braynard in full communion with ye church of Christ at Haddam had his son Stephen baptized by communion of churches.

1700, June 16, Nathaniel Cone of Haddam related to ye church of Christ in Lyn had his son James baptized by communion of churches.

1700, Nov. 10, John ye son of Eliz: (Markham alias) Bate ye wife of Jno Bate of Haddam (was baptized); the mother (ye sd Eliz) belonging to this church where she hath owned ye covenant.

1701, Oct. 26, Elizabeth ye daughter of Gerhard & Eliz: Coan of Haddam was baptized the father being baptized at & ye mother related to a church at Hartford.

1702, May 31, Elizabeth ye daughter of Jno & Eliz: Bate (of Haddam) was baptized.

From the Middle Haddam Church Records.
Rev. Benjamin Bowers, Pastor.

Baptized at Haddam Febr 14, 1747.
Jonathan ye son of John & Sarah Smith.

Children baptized in Haddam, April 12, 1747.
Mary the Daughter of Nathl & Ann Tyler.
Amos the son of Nathel & Elizth Spencer.
& Mary the Daughr of Joel & Mary Spencer.

Baptized at Haddam Augst 16, 1747.
Charles ye son of Saml & Esther Brainerd.

Children Baptized in Haddam Septembr 20, 1747.
Jael ye Daugr of —— Bickford.
Eleoner ye Daugr Simon & Eleoner Smith.
Dorcas ye Daugh of Francis & Experience Arnold.
& Hannah the Daugr of —— & Hannah Spicer.

Children Baptized in Haddam March 27, 1748.
David ye son of David & Thankful Clark.
Hezekiah ye son of Hezekiah & Elizabeth Shaler.
Catherine the Daugter of William & Hannah Scovil.
Jacob ye son of Jacob & Thankful Brainerd.
Ruth ye Daughter of Micael and Lucy Mudge.

Children Baptized in Haddam, April 16, 1749.
David ye son of Hez'h & Mary Brainerd.
Reuben ye son of Simon & Eleoner Smith.
Silas ye son of Elisha & Hannah Cone.
Mindwell of Elijah & Phebe Brainerd.
Gideon ye son of Hopestill & Mary Cridenden.
Jacob ye son of Jacob & Mehetabel Clark.
Austin of William & Lydia Smith.
Phebe ye Daugr of Samuel & —— Fergesen.

Concurrence of Robert & Sarah Cogswell.
—— ye child of Peletiah & —— Clark.
—— ye child of Nathel & Sarah Burr.

From the Millington Church Records.
Rev. Hobart Estabrook, Pastor.

Baptized at Haddam June 19, 1748.
Elizabeth dau. of Joseph Smith.
Mary Johnson.
Simeon son of John Spencer.

From the Hadlyme Church Records.
Rev. Grindal Rawson, Pastor.

Baptized at Haddam April 14, 1754.
Nehemiah son to David & Dorothy Smith.
Joshua son to Joseph & Elizabeth Smith.
Obadiah son to Nehemiah & Esther Dickinson.
Charles son to Chas. & Abigail Hazelton.
Jonathan son to Jonathan & Zerujah Boardman.
John son to Elexander & —— Lyn.
Sarah Daughter to Isaac & Susanna Bartlett of Durham.
Esther daughter to Hezekiah & Mabel Clark.

From the Middle Haddam Church Records.

Children Baptized in Haddam November 17, 1754.
Selah ye son of Daniel & Abigail Grizwold.
John ye son of Hopestill & Mary Cridenden.
Mical ye child of Joseph & Elizabeth Clark.
Sarah ye Daughr of Samuel & Anne Smith.

Children Baptized in Haddam Augt. 17, 1755.
Joseph ye son of Caleb & Sibbil Cone.
Dorothy ye Daugr of Willm & Hannah Scovil.
Isaac ye son of John & Martha Spencer.
Rebeckah ye Daughr of Samuel & —— Fergesen.
John ye son of John Smith Jnr.
William ye son of Heber & Esther Brainerd.
Anne ye Daugr. of James & Elizth Clark.

From the East Haddam Church Records.
Rev. Joseph Fowler, Pastor.

Feb. 9, 1755, Baptized a number of Children belonging to some members of ye Church of Christ in Haddam.

Simon Smith of Haddam had a child baptized named Elias.
Sarah ye wife of John Smith belonging to Haddam had a child baptized upon her own acct named Henery.
Cornelius Higgins of Haddam had a Child baptized named Bethia.
Daniel Clark of Haddam had a child baptized named Joseph.

Nov. 16, 1755. The widow Richardson of Haddam had her child baptized named Stanton.

Record kept by the Rev. Eleazer May.

1756

July 7. I Baptized Giles the son of Samll Brainerd.
11. John the son of Samll Arnold.
Richard the son of John Bailey, Jr.
Elisabeth the Daughter of Evan Thomas.
Hannah the Daughter of John Clark.
Samll the Son of Jonathan Boardman.
18. Martha the Daughter of Giles Porter.
Aug. 1. Jabes the Son of Nathanael Spencer.
15. Eunice, Hope, Susanna, Jemima, Ambrose, the Children of Ezekiel and Sarah Baley his wife.
21. Samuel the son of Samuel Smith.
Sept. 5. Jonathan the Son of Nathaniel Burr.
12. Ann Sarah & Hannah Daughters of Ephraim Shayler.
19. Nathanael the Son of Charles Hazelton.
Oct. 10. Robert the Son of Robert Shattuck of E. Hampton.
17. Daniel Son of Daniel Griswould Deceased.
31. Aaron Son of Mr. Pickett of Haddam Quarter.
Nov. 14. Simon Son of James Hazelton, Jr.; and Francis Son of wido Boyd.
22. George Son of Israel Higgins Jr of Middle Haddam.
Dec. Daniel Son to Daniel Smith.

1757

Jan. 2. Reuben son of Jeremiah Spencer, and Nathan son of Joseph Clark Jun.
30. Mary, Lucy, Thomas, Samuel, Esther, the Children of Thomas Church and his wife Lucy Church.
Feb. Cephas Son of Joseph Seldon, & Ann Arnold the Daughter of Nathan Lewis.
At Middlefield Jesse the Son of Jo: Miller, Jr.; Stephen Son of Edward Turner; Lois Dafter of Wm. Miller.

Mar. Zebulon Lewis the Son of Jacob Clark; Ebenezer, Son of Cornelius Higgins; Mary Daughter of Daniel Spencer the first.
Whetmore & Joseph the Sons of Shubael Crook.
Apr. Jabez, Daniel, Caleb, John, Hannah, Ann, the Children of Jabez Brainerd and his wife Hannah.
Joseph Son of Wm. Scovil
Deborah, Williams, James, the Children of James Baley and his wife Anna.
May David Son of Lieut. Neh. Dickinson.
Eunice the wife of Stephen Baley; and Prudence the Daughter of Stephen Baley and his wife Eunice.
Silence the Daughter of Ephraim Raney.
James Son of John Smith; Dorothy the Daughter of Williams Smith, Jr.; Rosewell the Son of Thomas Frances.
June Isaack halsey Son of Simon Ely.
Samuell, Eunicee, Children of Nathll Surtlife.
July Daniel Son of Danll Spencer and his wife Elisabeth; and also Thomas there Son.
Abigail Clark the Daughter of David Smith the 2d.
Benjamin, Sarah, Samuell, Children of Ithel Dean.
Joel, Sarah, Children of Joel Hubbard.
Aug. David Son of Richard Johnson, Jr.
Sept. John Sterns Son of Thomas Church.
At Eastberry Mindwell Daughter of John Hill.
Ezekiel Baley Son of Caleb Cone.
Phebe Rice & Mary Worson Daughters of Samuel forguson.
Oct. At Midle Haddam Vienna the Daughter of Doctr Bradford.
At Midle Haddam Susannanh the Daughter of Benjm Brainerd.
Hannah the Daughter of Solomon Bates; Elisabeth the Daughter of Danll Spencer.
Jerusha Daughter of Evan Thomas.
Nov. Anna the Daughter of Edward Church of Hadlime.
Ebenezer Son of Docr Cruttenden.
Dec. Elijah Son of Elijah Brainerd Jr.

1758

Jan. Zechariah Son of Heber Brainerd.
Feb. At Chester Abigail Daughter of Peter Bebee.
Elisabeth Daughter of Justus Buck.
Mary Daughter of Jared Avery.
Sarah Daughter of Charles Deming.
Mar. Hezekiah Son of James Clark.
Lois Daughter of Isaack Augur.

Apr. Jeheu Son of Phinehas Brainerd.
Martha Daughter of Elisha Brainerd.
May Mary the Daughter of Alexr Lynn.
Sarah Daughter of Elihu Johnson.
Thankfull Daughter of Daniel Clarke.
June At Stepny Rhoda the Daughter of Asa Belding.
At Chester Jerusha the daughter of Joseph Clark.
Naoma Daughter of Giles Porter.
July Lois the Daughter of Nathll. Spencer, Anner, Diana, Daughters of Benjm. Baley.
Solomon, Jerusha, Children of Samll Baley.
At Hebron Sibbil Daghter of Elezr Strong.
Else the Daughter of Jeremiah Spencer.
Mary, Elizur, Children of Elizur Spencer.
Aug. Ruth Daughter of Shubel Crook.
27. John the Son of Eleazer and Sibbil May an Infant.
Sept. James the Son of Jonathan Boardman.
Thankfull Daughter of Samel. Brainerd.
Phebe Daughter of Lemuel Pratt.
Oct. Anne Daughter of James Baley was Baptized by Mr. Fowler.
Sussannah Daughter of Elizur Spencer.
Nov. James Son of Nathll. Surtliff.
Dec. David Son of David Smith 2d.

1759

Feb. Henry son of Samuel Smith.
Enoss the Son of John Smith Jr.
Mar. Joseph, Simon, Samuel, and Mary, Children of John Lewis.
Elias Son of Richard Johnson Jr.
Apr. Marther Daughter of Nathll. Burr.
Jonathan Son of Thomas Church.
May Lydia the Daughter of Ephraim Rauey.
Lydia Daughter of Elijah Brainerd jr.
July Samuell Son of Hopestill Cruttenden.
abigail Daughter of John Clarke.
Sept. Edward son of Joseph Selden.
Theodore Son of Benjm. Stillman Esqr.
Oct. Andrew Son of John Lewis.
Abigail, Amos, Abner, Anne, Children of Abner Porter.
Nov. Timothy Son of Wm. Scovil.
Elias, Mary, Children of John Ventrous.
Dec. Jerusha, Elisabeth, Thomas, Ann, Hannah, Children of Thomas Hubbard.
Phebe Daughter of Elisha Brainerd.

1760

Feb. 17. Sibbil the Daughter of Eleazer & Sibbil May an Infant.
Mar. Lettice Daught of Samll Forguson.
Sarah Daughter of Danll Spencer 2d.
Apr. Aner the Daughter of Caleb Cone.
Ezra the Son of Jeremiah Spencer.
Elisabeth the Daughter of Joseph Clark; Stephen Son of Stephen Baley.
June Lois Daughter of Williams Smith jr.
July Lemuel Son of Lemuel Pratt.
Felix Son of Isach Augur.
Bathsheba Daughter of Giles Porter.
Aaron Son of Abner Porter.
John Smith an adult Person.
Aug. Sarah Daughter of John Smith disceasd.
Sept. Hannah the Daughr of Shubael Crook.
Oct. Phebe the Daughter of Ithel Dean and Alexander the Son of Alexandr Lynn.
Zeruiah Daughter of Jonthn Boardman at His House.
Dec. Sarah Arnold Daughter of John Ventrous.
Mary the Daughter of Saml Arnold;
Sibbil the Daughter of Elihu Johnson.

1761

Feb. Susanna Daughter of Charles Hazelton.
Apr. Hepsibah Daughter of James Clark
And Benjm. Son of John Smith.
Cornelius Son of Samuel Brainerd.
Lucy Daughter of Elijah Brainerd Jr.
Mar. James Son of Elizur Spencer at his own house.
Apr. Concurrence Daughter of David Smith 2d.
Dolley Daughter of Thomas Hubbard.
May Elijah Son of James Baley.
June Esther the Daughter of Othniel Brainerd of Mid. Haddam.
Edmond the Son of Joel Hubbard.
Stephen Son of Nathll Burr.
Mar. Seth Son of Nathll Spencer.
June Jesse the Son of Benjm Spencer.
Lydia Daughter of Joseph Clark.
July Abigail ye Daughter of Richard Johnson Jr.
26. Cynthia the Daughter of Eleazer and Sibbil May.
Robert the Son of Samll Smith.
Aug. At Middletown Jabez Son of Widdow Cook.
Samuel son of Jeremiah Spencer.

Sept.	David son of Cornelius Higgins.
	Elisabeth Daugter of Elisha Brainerd.
Oct.	Moses Son of Jacob Ely.

1762

Jan.	Cloe Daughter of Doct Hopestill Cruttenden.
May	Mary & Sarah Daughters of Nathan Smith.
	Elisabeth the Daughter of Thomas Francis.
	Jonathan Son of Aaron Smith.
June	Susannah Daughter of Abner Porter.
	John Son of Giles Porter.
	Eunice the Daughter of Stephen Baley.
July	Danl Son of Jonathan Boardman.
	Sarah Daughter of John Lewis, and Hannah alias Anner Daughtr of Benjm Spencer.
Aug.	At Midle Haddam Bethiah Daughter of Ezra Smith, & Abigail Daughter of Mr. Carry.
	William the Son of Heber Brainerd.
	Dorothy Daughter of Charles Hazelton.
Sept.	Elisabeth Bradley Daughter of Isaack Augur
	And Rachel Daughter of Nathll Surtliff.
Oct.	Jemima Daughter of Lemuel Smith.
	Stephen Son of Stephen Johnson
	and Mary Olmsted Daughter of Williams Smith.
Dec.	Israel Son of Nathan Smith.

1763

Mar. 13.	Anne the Daughter of Eleazer & Sibbil May.
	Lewis Son of Jeremiah Spencer.
	Daniel the Son of Joseph Clarke
	And Judith the Daughter of Joel Hubbard.
Apr.	Lydia the Daughter of Elisabeth Bates on Esqr Brainerd's account She being bound to Him.
	Thomas the Son of Shubael Crook.
	Curtis the Son of John Smith.
	Samuel the Son of Elihu Johnson.
	Mary the Daughter of John Ventrous
	& Samuel the Son of Elijah Brainerd jr.
May	Abigail if I mistake not the Name Daughter of Elizur Spencer.
June	Dorothy & Rhoda Daughters of Josiah Scovil.
	John the Son of William Knowles.
July	Sarah Levi & James the Children of James Arnold
	And Ebenezer & John the Children of John Wilcocks.
Nov.	Ebenezer the Son of James Baley.
Dec.	Hannah Daughter of Doer Cruttenden.

1764

Jan. Lydia the Daughter of Lt. Cornelius Higgins
And Deborah Daughter of Samll forguson.
Chipman Son of James Clark.
John Son of John Clark was baptized by Mr. Bordman.
Feb. Elisha Son of Elisha Brainerd.
Mar. Elisabeth Brainerd Daughter of Joshua Brooks.
Taphena Child of Jacob Ely.
William Child of Wd Harris of Middletown.
Apr. James Son of John Wilcocks.
Elisabeth Daughter of Stephen Johnson.
an Brooks Daughter of Richard Johnson.
May Phinehas Son of Samll Smith.
Joseph son of Joseph Farnam of N. Killingworth.
Lydia Daughter of Daniel Clarke.
Daniel Charles Sarah and Lucretia Children of Charles Sears.
July Zil[pah] Daughter of Stephen Baley.
Rebeckah Daughter of Joseph Wells Esqr.
Lucy Daughter of John Surtlif.
Oct. James & Joseph Children of Wakeman Brooks.
Zerviah the Daughter of Jonathan Bordman.
James the Son of Abner Porter.
Nov. Phebe the Daughter of Elihu Johnson.
James & Henry & Mary & Abigail the Children of Ebenezer Thomas.
Dec. ann the Daughter of Joel Hubbard.

1765

Jan. Rhoda the Daughter of Josiah Scovil.
Feb. Dolley the Daughter of Jer^{ah} Spencer.
Sarah the Daughter of Isaack Augur.
Mar. Simon Son of Lemuel Smith and Jedidah Daughter of Nathan Smith.
Apr. 14. Elisabeth Daughter of Eleazer & Sibbil May.
Else the Daughter of Elijah Brainerd.
May Joseph the Son of Joseph Clark Jr.
Sarah the Daughter of Shubael Crook.
huldah the Daughter of Amos Johnson
and Phebe the Daughter of James Arnold.
June Enos & Thomas & Sarah the Children of John Spencer.
Aug. William the Son of William Knowles.
Elias the Son of John Ventrous.
Sept. Abiel the Daughter of James Baley.
Dorothy the Daughter of Elizur Spencer.
Ebenezer the Son of Ebenezer Thomas
& Thomas the Son of John Smith.

Oct. Rachel & Timothy the Children of Nathaniel Ray.
Abraham & Susanah the Children of Lt. Abraham Tyler.
Susannah the Daughter of Ensign Samuel Arnold.
Henrietta the Daughter of William Bradford.
Nov. Stephen the Son of Increase Brainerd.
Dec. Ruth the Daughter of Lemuel Pratt.
Esther the Daughter of Charles Hazelton.

1766

Mar. Jemima the Daughter of Stephen Johnson.
Apr. Edatha the Daughter of Jared Hubbard.
Williams the Son of Williams Smith.
David the Son of Daniel Spencer.
James Smith the Son of Ensign John Clarke, & William the Son of John Willcox.
May Elisabeth the Daughter of Jos Wells Esqr.
Frederick James & Else the Children of James Smith
And Jesse the Son of Richard Johnson.
Nathaniel the Son of Nathll Surtlif.
Aug. Concurrence the Daughter of Abner Porter.
Damaris the Daughter of Heber Brainerd
and Drusilla Mary Lovisa Sarah Joseph Gideon the Children of Gideon Brainerd
and Nehemiah & Nathaniel the Children of Samuel Tylor
and Timothy the Son of Wakeman Brooks.
July Content the Daughter of Samll Forguson at his house it being sick.
Sept. Noah Son of Samll Smith at his house.
Anne Timothy David Dorothy Susannah Children of Timothy Towner.
Timothy the Son of Abraham Tyler Jr.
Oct. Eleazer the Son of Eleazer & Sibbil May.
Nov. Rufus & Jerusha the Children of Ezra Shailor
and Phebe the Daughter of John Spencer
& David the Son of Aaron Smith.
Anne and Elisabeth the Daughters of Nehemiah Brainerd.
Dec. Rhoda the Daughter of Elihu Johnson.

1767

Feb. Samuel the Son of Samuel Smith.
Mary the Daughter of Jeremiah Spencer.
Mar. Nathan the Son of Samuell Tyler.
Deborah Daughter of Josiah Scovil.
Apr. at Milington, a Child of one Mr. Fox.
Joseph and Mary the Children of Isaack Augur.

May Anne the Daughter of Nathan Smith.
Jemima Daughter of Elijah Brainerd.
June Israel the Son of Samll Bur
& Mary Daughter of James Arnold.
Sarah the Daughter of Joseph Clark.
July Deborah the Daughter of Jacob Ely.
Mary Wells & John the Children of John & Sarah Smith.
Aug. Allyn the Son of Thomas Bates.
Jesse Oliver Eliakim Phinehas & John the Children of Eliakim Brainerd.
Prudence Daughter of Gideon Brainerd.
Sept. Zilpah & Joseph the Children of Charles Smith.
Oct. Eunice the Daughter of Ebenezr Thomas.
Hubbard the Son of James Smith.
Susannah Dolly Ruth Lydia David & Aaron the Children of Aaron Thomas & Ruth Thomas his wife.
Nov. Margaret the Daughter of Shubael Crook.
Dec. Abiather the Son of Joel Hubbard.

1768

Apr. Abigail the Daughter of Elisha Brainerd.
May Ann the Daughter of John Willcox.
Samuel the Son of Samll Forguson.
Didimus the Son of Stephen Johnson.
June Amelia the Daughter of Nehemiah Brainerd.
Charles the Son of Nathaniel Surtlife.
July Jane the Daughter of Daniel Spencer
& Rebeckah the Daughter of Ithel Dean.
Charles the Son of Jacob Powers of Midletown. Stephen Smith & his wife offered sd Child in Baptism.
Israel the Son of Joshua Brooks.
Sept. Susannah the Daughter of James Baley.
Prudence the Daughter of Eleazer & Sibbil May.
David the Son of Nathll Burr.
Lucretia the Daughter of Abner Porter
and Elisabeth the Daughter of Ezra Shailor.
Oct. Hannah the Daughter of William Knowles.
Sept. Susannah Bonfoye an Adult Person at her father's house.
Nov. Lucy the Daughter of Richard Johnson.
at N Killingsworth Olive the Daughter of Rosewell Stephens.

1769

Feb. Anne the wife of Samll Spencer an adult Person at his House.
Ezra the Son of Lt Abraham Tylr.

Mar.		Rebeckah Williams Daughter of Charles Smith.
		Mindwell the Daughter of Increase Brainerd
		and also Mary Dorothy Joseph James Partrik & David & Aaron the Children of Joseph Tyler.
Apr.		Eleazer the Son of Isaack Augur.
		Sarah Daughter of Samuel Smith.
May		Hannah Snow the Daughter of Aaron Thomas.
		Samuel the Son of Alexander Lynn.
		Deborah the Daughter of Joseph Clarke.
June		Caroline the Daughter of Aaron Smith
		& Asael the Son of Elijah Brainerd.
		Henry the Son of Elizur Spencer.
		Damaris the Daughter of Ebenezr Thomas
		and Mercy the Daughter of William Bradford.
July		Orin the Son of Josiah Redfield of North Killingworth.
Sept.		Elisabeth the Daughter of John Spencer.
		Amos & Phebe Hubbard the Children of Elisha Brainerd.
Oct.		Elias the Son of Jacob Ely.
		Esther the Daughter of Samll Tyler.
Nov.		Heber the Son of Gideon Brainerd.
		Jonathan the Son of John Smith.
Dec.		Elisabeth the Daughter of Wakeman Brooks.
		Dan the Son of Eliakim Brainerd.

1770

Jan.		Joseph the Son of Joseph Wells Esqr.
Mar.		David the son of John Willcoks.
		Damaris the Daughter of Samll Burr.
Apr.		Elijah the Son of James Arnold.
		Nathan the Son of Nathan Smith.
		Abraham the Son of Joel Hubbard.
May	6.	Clarissa the Daughter of Eleazer & Sibbil May.
June		Shubael the Son of Shubael Crook.
July		Martha Brown an Adult Person.
		Anne the Daughter of Joshua Brooks.
		Nehemiah the Son of Mr. Nehemiah Brainerd.
		Rachel the Daughter of Abner Porter.
		John the Son of John Brooks Disceast.
Aug.		Samuell the Son of John Ventrous.
Sept.		Caleb Brainerd the Son of Stephen Johnson.
		Samuel the Son of Samll Scovil.
Oct.		at Middletown John the Son of John Foster.
		Miranda the Daughter of Thomas Bates
		And Esther the Daughter of Ezra Shailor.
Dec.		Calvin the Son of Richard Johnson.

1771

Jan. Rhoda the Daughter of Stephen Baley.
Feb. Sarah the Daughter of Aaron Thomas.
Mar. Jonathan the Son of Joseph Tyler
and Sarah the Daughter of John Smith Jr.
Apr. Jedida the Daughter of Lt Abraham Tyler.
May Huldah the Daughter of Heber Brainerd.
June Daniel Esther & James, the Children of Zechariah Brainerd.
Mary the Daughter of James Smith.
Bethiah Esther Simon Walker Richard Ruel & Daniel the Children of Richard Knowles.
Ruth the Daughter of Wm Knowles.
Aug. at Middletown William the Son of Samll Atkins.
Mabel the Daughter of Ebenezer Roberts.
Reuben the Son of Increase Brainerd.
Samuell Moses Rosewell & Smith the Sons of Samll Hubbard.
Sept. Dinah the Daughter of Elizur Spencer.
John the Son of Elisha Brainerd
and David the Son of Zacheriah Brainerd.
Oct. Asahel & Sarah the Children of Elijah Brainerd And Eliab the Son of Aaron Smith.
Nov. Ebenezer the Son of James Baley.
Dorothy Mehitabel Sarah Jerusha Elisabeth Hepsibah John Willard Benjamin Abner the Children of Abner Smith.
Dec. Susanah Daughter of Richard Knowles.
Solomon Samuel John David and Submit the Children of David Bates.

1772

Jan. Davis Huldah and George the Children of William Smith.
Feb. Clarinda the Daughter of Josiah Huntington.
16. Huntington the Son of Eleazer and Sibbil May.
Levi the Son of John Willcox.
Apr. Nathan the Son of John Spencer
And Mary the Daughter of Charles Smith.
Edwin the Son of Thomas Bates.
May Tryphena the Daughter of Josiah Scovil.
at East Haddam
Jeremiah the Son of Shubael Fuller
Joseph Johnson the Son of Charles Williams
Joseph Otis the Son of Cornelius Anibal.
June Thomas the Son of Samll Scovil

June Nathaniel the Son of Shubael Crook
John the Son of Joel Hubbard.
Feb. Samuell Betsey Molley Rebeckah Susannah Nathan Phebe Children of Samll Ray.
July Susannah the Daughter of Joseph Wells Esqr.
John the Son of Joshua Brooks
and Rebeckah the Daughter of Wakeman Brooks.
Aug. Amos the Son of Nathan Smith.
Sylvester the Son of John Smith.
Sarah the Daughter of Samll Tyler.
Oct. Abraham & Sarah the Children of Samll Hubbard.
Nov. Lydia Daughter of David Bates.
Sarah Arnold the Daughter of John Ventrouse.
Dec. Eunice the Daughter of Eliakim Brainerd.

1773

Jan. Parthena the Daughter of Josiah Huntington.
James Son of Solomon Wakely.
Feb. Submit Daughter of Abner Porter.
Mar. John the Son of Nehemiah Brainerd.
Apr. Joshua the Son of Stephen Johnson.
Anne the Daughter of Samll Ray.
May at Middle hadam
William son of Mr. Simons
Jonathan Son of Lemuel Smith
Sibbil Daughter of Ebenezer Smith
Lucy the Daughter of Abel Shepherd.
John the Son of Eleanor Higgins.
Cornelius James & Henry Sons of Cornelius Higgins Jr.
June Calvin the Son of Ebenezr Thomas.
Jabez the Son of Elisha Brainerd.
July Jemima the Daughter of Richard Johnson Jr.
and Esther the Daughter of James Hubbard.
Aug. Sylvenus the Son of Lieut Tyler.
Sept. James Daniels Son of Heber Brainerd.
Esther Susannah Jonathan Ezra Jeffery & Simon Children of Jonathan Smith disceast.
Heman Elisabeth Rebeckah & Anne the Children of James Merwin.
Dolly Elias James and Mary the Children of Elihu Bates.
Rebeckah Theodore & Abigail the Children of the Widdow Abigail Ray.
Zacheriah Son of Zacheriah Brainerd.
Oct. Lydia the Daughter of Joseph Tyler.
Nov. Eliphalet the Son of William Smith.
Dec. James and Rebeckah Children of James Youngs.

1774

Jan. 2. Hezekiah the Son of Eleazer & Sibbil May.
Feb. Lois the Daughter of Elijah Brainerd.
Mar. Elisha the Son of Nathll Ray.
Arnold the Son of Cornelius Higgins Jr.
Apr. Hannah the Daughter of James Youngs
And Sarah the Daughter of Samll Church.
Ama Daughter of John Wilcox
and Abigail Daughter of Joel Hubbard.
Jared the Son of Joseph Arnold.
Josiah Son of Josiah Scovil.
Esther Daughter of Mr Dudley.
Seth the Son of Richard Knowles.
May Elisabeth Abigail & Ann the Children of Ambrose Arnold.
June Willard Son of William Knowles.
July Oliver Son of John Smith.
David Son of Nathan Smith
and Temperance Zephira and Aaron Children of Nathan Baley.
Aug. Amasa the Son of Samll Scovil.
Sept. Olive Samuell James Ira Calvin Orin Phebe & Ruah the Children of Asa Shailor.
Dorcas the Daughter of Ensn Gideon Brainerd
And Arunah Daniel Israel Solomon Aaron Matthew & Rosanna the Children of Daniel Hubbard.
Oct. Zerviah the Daughter of Thomas Hubbard Jr.
Oliver Thomas Martha Keturah Hannah Mary & Phebe the Children of Oliver Baley.
Lucinda the Daughter of Hawes Higgins.
Catharine the Daughter of James Smith.
Ephraim Son of Shubael Crook.
Sael the Son of Aaron Smith.
Nov. Adna and Elisabeth Children of Wm Clark.
Lucy the Daughter of John Spencer.

1775

Jan. At Midlehaddam Joseph the Son of Thomas Stocking and a Son of Thomas Smith which I think was Called Ambrose.
Charles the Son of Samll Tyler.
Mar. Hannah Daughter of Solomon Wakely.
at Middle haddam —— Son of Joseph Markam.
Apr. Martha the Daughter of James Merwin.
Anne the Daughter of Aaron Thomas.
May Lucy the Daughter of Stephen Johnson.
Sarah the wife of Cap Sears an adult Person.

May Esther Hezekiah & Lydia the Children of Abner Spencer.
Samuel the Son of Samll Church
& James the Son of James Clarke Jr.
June Dinah the Daughter of John Wilcox.
Samuell Rosewell & Eunice the Children of Phineas Doane.
Lucy the Daughter of Cap: Eliakim Brainerd.
Aug. Joshua the Son of Joshua Brooks.
Damaris the Daughter of Lt Ebenezer Thomas.
Elisabeth Daughter of Charles Smith.
Sept. Amasa Son of Thomas Hubbard Jr.
Aaron Elisabeth & Mary the Children of Aaron Hubbard
And Ruth the Daughter of Ambrose Arnold.
Nov. Seaberry Child of Stephen Baley.
Scovil the Son of Oliver Baley.
Dec. Lydia the Daughter of Ezra Shailor.

1776

Jan. Clarke the Son of Daniel Hubbard.
David Son of Capn Tyler.
Feb. George Son of Henry Brainerd
& Senah Daughter of Abner Spencer.
Mar. Hezekiah Son of Doctr Hez: Brainerd.
Sibbil Daughter of James Hubbard
& Timothy Son of Zach Brainerd.
Elisabeth Pelatiah & Hannah the Children of Stephen Clarke.
Eunice Spencer an Adult was Baptized.
Apr. Isaack Augur an Adult
& Joseph the Son of Barzillai Dudley.
Jesse Son of Abner Tibbels
and Ruth the Daughter of Samll Scovil.
Joseph the Son of Joseph Spencer
& Gideon the Son of Joseph Spencers wife.
Mary the Daughter of Joel Hubbard.
Prudence Daughter of Isaack Augur.
May Olive Daughter of Joseph Arnold
and Thomas Brooks the Son of Richard Johnson.
Prince Haws Son of Haws Higgins.
June Jesse Heli Asa and Arsenah Children of Prosper Brainerd.
Prudence Daughter of Samll Ray.
Israel Son of Elijah Brainerd.
Danil & Caleb the Sons of Daniel Brainerd.
Calvin Michael Timothy Asael and Abigail Children of Timothy Hubbard
and Hannah the Daughter of Lewis Smith.

Sept. Simon Son of William Smith.
Reuben Son of Increase Brainerd.
Oct. Mary the Daughter of Lt John Ventrous.
Nathaniel the Son of Nathaniel Ray.
Simon Son of Asa Shailor.
Nov. Josiah Samuell Anne & Sally the Children of James Pelton.
Else and Eunice Children of Amos Bates.
Dec. Rufus Jeremiah Simon and Else Children of Jeremiah Hubbard.

1777

Mar. Selden Asher and Jonathan Children of Jonathan Smith.
May Prudence Daughter of Aaron Thomas.
Timothy Son of Solomon Wakely.
June Mehitable Dickinson an adult.
Olive Daughter of Jonathan Smith.
at Killingworth
Mehitabel Daughter of Samuel Crane.
Hannah Daughter of George Eliot.
Daniel Son of Caleb Hurd.
Betsey Daughter of Luke Stephens.
Bettey Daughter of Samuell Hull.
Aug. Amos John Mehitable and Abigail Children of Wid: Mehitable Dickinson.
James Son of James Merwin
and Anne Daughter of Joseph Tyler.
Sept. Submit Daughter of Daniel Hubbard.
Aaron Son of Aaron Smith.
Susannah Daughter of Lt Ebenezer Thomas.
Hanah wife of Hez: Shailor
and Mary wife of Joseph Burr adults.
Sarah Asher and Esther Children of Aaron Clarke
and Hannah Daughter of Joshua Brooks
& Abner Son of Abner Tibbils.
Oct. Mary & Martha Children of Joseph Burr.
Bezaleel Ezekiel Jemima & Catharine Children of Bazel Shailor
And William Son of Joshua Simmons
And Catharine Daughter of Lewis Smith
And Russel & Dimmis Children of Hez: Shailor
And Sylvester Son of Eleazer Bates
& Catharine Daughter of Neh: Brainerd Esqr.
Sept. Susanah Daughter of Lt. Ebenezer Thomas. [See above.]
Nov. Joshua Solomon Daniel Elisha Hannah & Lydia the Children of Elisha Cone.
Mary the Daughter of Gideon Baley Jr.

Dec. John Son of John Smith
and Reuben Son of Aron Hubbard.
Mary the Daughter of Bazel Shailor
And James the Son of James Pelton.

1778

Feb. Blin the Son of Major Tyler.
Timothy Son of Oliver Baley.
Mar. Hope Daughter of Joseph Burr.
Enos the Son of Zacheriah Brainerd
and Betsey Daughter of Daniel Brainerd.
Apr. Elisabeth Daughter of Capn Eliakim Brainerd.
June Uzzel the Child of James Stephens.
July Benjamin Son of Ashbel Stillman.
Sept. Mary the Daughter of Barzillai Dudley
& Ana the Daughter of James Hubbard.
Oct. Anne Daughter of Charles Smith
Theodore Son of Joshua Simmons
& Polly Daughter of James Clarke.
Nov. Nehemiah Son of Capt James Smith.
Simon Son of Joseph Arnold.
Dec. Dolly the Daughter of Prosper Brainerd.
Gideon Son of Hawes Higgins.
Sena Daughter of Eleazer Bates.
Rhoda Daughter of Samll Scovil.

1779

Feb. Dolley the Daughter of Hez: Shailor.
Mar. Smith Son of Asa Shailor.
Porter Son of Lt Richard Johnson.
Stephen Son of Stephen Spencer.
Apr. William Son of Joseph Spencer.
John William & Esther the Children of Widdow Russels.
June James Phineas Elisabeth Esther & Jerusha Children of Phineas Brainerd Jr.
July Allice Daughter of John Spencer.
Oct. Deborah Hopson Daughter of Heman Brainerd.
Moses Savage Son of Daniel Hubbard.
Dec. Daniel Son of Solomon Wakely
and Susannah Daughter of Bazel Shailor.

1780

Feb. Daniel Son of James Merwin.
Mar. George Son of Joshua Brooks
and Joseph Son of Joseph Burr.

Apr. Ruth the Daughter of James Pelton.
May Seth the son of Zacheriah Brainerd.
June Jerusha the Daughter of Thomas Hubbard Jr.
Caleb the son of Stephen Johnson.
Aug. Thankfull the Daughter of Ens Aaron Smith.
Oct. Danil Son of Stephen Clarke.
Jonathan Nathan Josiah Children of Augustus Lewis & his wife.
Nov. Susannah Daughter of Daniel Brainerd.
Dec. Archelaus the Son of Col. Tyler
and Isaach Son of Stephen Spencer.

1781

Feb. Samuel White Son of James Clarke Jr.
Mar. George the Son of Jerh Hubbard Jr.
Apr. Joshua Son of Lt Elijah Brainerd
and Clara Daughter of Abner Tibbalds.
May Seaberry the Child of Prosper Brainerd.
July Huldah the Daughter of Phineas Brainerd Jr.
Aug. Welthy Daughter of Jonathan Smith.
Sept. Jonna Son of Joseph Taylor.
Oct. Ezra & Aaron Sons of Nathan Bailey of farmington.
Nov. Amne the Daughter of Bazel Shailor.
Dec. Austin son of Lt John Smith.
Lucinda Daughter of Cap James Smith.

1782

Jan. William son of Lt Wm Smith.
Feb. Tempe Daughter of Eleazer Bates.
Daniel Son of Thomas Hubbard.
May Hannah Daughter of Lewis Smith.
Daniel son of Joseph Taylor.
Willis son of Ashbel Stillman.
Oct. Ezra son of Oliver Bailey.
Dec. Moses Son of Joseph Tyler
and Joseph son of Zacheriah Brainerd.

1783

Apr. Anne Pierson Daughter of Joshua Simmons.
Amne Daughter of Augustus Lewis.
June Zilpah Daughter of Aaron Hubbard.
Margere Daughter of Danil Hubbard.
George son of Stephen Spencer.
Joshua son of Stephen Johnson.

July Fisk the Son of Nehemiah Brainerd Esqr
& Lydia his Daughter.
Drusilla Daughter of Ens Jonathan Smith.
Susannah the Daughter of Lt John Smith.
Nov. Rufus son of Col: Tyler.
Hope Daughter of Bazel Shailor.
Silvester son of Prosper Brainerd.
a Child of Abner Tibbels.
Dec. Mary the Daughter of Hez Brainerd Esqr.

1784

Jan. Samuel Boardman Son of Thomas Hubbard.
— two twin Daughters of Phineas Doane.
— Daniel son of Solomon Wakely.
— Joel son of Eber Tibbals.
— Lydia Smith Daughter of Lt Bailey.
— A Child of Phineas Brainerd Jr.

1785

Jan. Joshua son of Joshua Simmons.
Mar. Seth Son of Ambrose Arnold.
14. at Preston Anne Lockwood Daughter of Mr. Jonathan Fuller my Grand Daughter.
Apr. Jemima Daughter of James Pelton.
Experience Daughter of Cap: John Smith.
Matthew Charles & fanney the Children of Charles Sears Jr.
June Catharine daughter of Jeremiah Hubbard Jr.
Ebenezer & Hezekiah Sons of William Clarke.
Christian the wife of William Clarke.
Henry son of Jonathan Smith.
Prude Daughter of Oliver Baily.
Nov. Son of William Clarke Jr.
Abigail his Daughter.
Dec. Huldah Daughter of Bazil Shailor.

1786

Apr. John Son of John Dickinson.
Rebeckah Mary & Esther Children of Mis Scovil wife of Samll Scovil.
June a Child of Barzillai Dudley Name forgot.
Selden son of Jonathan Huntington.
Abner & Aaron sons of Widdow Porter.

July John and Anner Children of James Stephens.
Elthan Child of Eleazer Bates.
Oct. Catharine Daughter of Joshua Simmons.
Sarah Daughter of Eber Tibbals.

1787

Jan. Zeruiah Daughter of Danll Brainerd.
Oliver son of Cap. John Smith
and Dimmis Daughter of Thomas Hubbard Jr.
Apr. William son of Samll Scovil
and Mary Daughter of Phineas Brainerd.
Deborah Olive Martha Isaack Sarah & Joshua the Children of Evan Thomas Jr.
May Rebeckah the wife of Arunah Hubbard and her Daughter Betsey.
Shebae Rosemond William & Henry Children of Heman Brainerd's wife.
Clarissa John Huldah Hannah Anne Children of John Brainerd.
June Elisha the Son of Stephen Clarke
and Sylvester Rhoda and Susannah Children of Oliver Brainerd.
James Son of Ensn Jonathan Smith.
July Polly Daughter of Zacheriah Brainerd.
at Chester John Son of Jared Clarke.
at Haddam Sally Daughter of Heman Brainerd.
Aug. Isaach the son of Charles Sears.
Elderkin Ruey & Jonathan the Children of Jona: Bordman.
a Child of Arunah Hubbard Name forgot.
Sept. Sophia Hannah & Dolly Children of Cap David Brainerd.
Martha & Elizabeth Children of James Pelton.
Dolly Daughter of John Dickinson
and Davis son of Prosper Brainerd.
Oct. three Children of Joseph Scovil Names forgotten.
Nov. Drusilla Abraham Sarah Rebeckah & Prudence Children of Abraham Spencer Disceast.

1788

May Jason son of Jonathn Bordman.
Apr. John Kelley an Adult.
June Mary Daughter of Eber Tibbalds.
July Moses Freeman and a Daughter of Widdow Martha Bailey.
Sept. Drusilla Daughter of August Lewis.

1789

June Jeremiah Son of Elihu Smith disceased.
Aug. James & Mary Children of Wid: Treadwell.
Dolly Daughter of John Scovil.

1791

Jan. Sylvester son of Eleazer Bates.
David Son of Cap David Brainerd.
— Lebeus son of Joseph Augur.
July Justus Hanson & Laura Children of Joseph Arnold Jr.
— Abigail Daughter of James Knowles.
Oct. Mary, Sibbil, Clarissa, Anne Fuller, Edward the Children of Edward Selden.
Polly Daughter of Charles Sears.

1793

Jan. Wealthy Daughter of John Scovil.

1794

Oct. Daniel and Esther Children of Chipman Clarke.

1795

May Hezekiah son of John Brainerd.
Rufus son of Gideon Bailey.
June Charlotte Child of Edward Selden.
Oct. Sarilla Daughtr of Eleazr Bates.

1797

— the wife of Robert Smith adult.
— three Children of Widdow Esther Tyler.
— Nathanel son of Nathaniel Burr.

1798

— Elisabeth Thomas adult.
— 5 Children of Shailor Hubbard.
June Linus son of Capt Burr.
Talcot the Child of Charles Sears.
Joseph Carrier and Rebeckah Children of Giles Hubbard.

Record kept by the Rev. David D. Field.

1804

June 3. Abigail Brainard & Elisha Strong, children of James Chase.
17. Hannah Cone (widow), and Clarissa, Comfort & John, children of Hannah Cone; Susannah, Hannah, Mary, Arnold, Martha, Electa, and Levi, children of Susannah Ray (widow); and James, Joseph and Reuben, children of Naomi Chambers: also, Naomi Chambers.
24. Esther, wife of Cornelius Higgins.
July 8. Benjamin, son of Gideon Brainard.
17. Phebe, Stephen, Lucretia, Densy, Esther, Jemima, and Cynthia, children of Stephen & Martha Tibbils.
22. James and Elizabeth, children of Eber Tibbils; and Irena Spenser, daughter of James & —— [Lydia] Walkley.
29. Rebecca, Catharine Shaylor, Wakeman, Jemima, Joseph, Mary, & David Hubbard, children of Joseph Brooks; and Benjamin Parmalee.
Aug. 5. Dolly Clarke; and Benjamin, Fanna, Polly, Anna, Hepzebah & John, children of John & Anne Smith.
28. Olive Smith & Susannah Brooks.
Sept. 2. Elizabeth Mary, a dau. of Levi & Mehitibal Ward; and Edwin Smith, a son of Simon & Drusilla Walkley.
9. Prudy, Dolly, Phebe, Enos, and Ansyl, children of Curtis & Asenath Smith.
23. Dolly Clarke, wife of Sylvanus.
30. Lucy Brainard (wife of Eliakim).
Oct. 14. George Smith, Cephas, Ursula, Austin & Eliakim Selden, children of Eliakim & Lucy Brainard.
28. David, Asahel, Anson, Lydia, Matilda, Horris, Lucinda, Clarinda & Benanuel, children of Concurrence Bonfi.

1805

Mar. 17. (per Mr. Andrews) Chauncey, a child of Joseph Brook's.
Apr. 7. David Dudley, my own son.
May 19. Erastus, a son of Giles Brainard's.
June 2. ——, a child of —— Brainard's.
Aug. 25. Mary Gratrax (wife of —— Gratrax) and Hannah, Mary, John & Wm. Johnson, her children;
Sally Moriah, a child of James & Anna Chase.
Dec. 1. Lucy, John,

1806

Jan. 5. Elizabeth Hannah, dau. of William Clarke.
Mar. 23. Selden Spenser, son of James Walkley, [bapt.] by Mr. Vail.
30. Nancy Cone, dau. of —— Chambers.
June 1. Richard, son of Benanuel Bonfi.
15. Mehitabel Eunice, dau. of Levi Ward.
Aug. 31. Mary Rebecca, a child of Simon Walkley (by Mr. Lyman).
Oct. 19. Elijah, a child of Ezra Brainard's.
Nov. 2. John, a child of Elisha Stevens.

1807

Feb. 5. Cyrus Hambleton, a child of —— Higgins.
Apr. 6. David, a child of David Bonfoey.
12. Emilia Hancy-Anne, my own daughter.
May 31. Worthy, a child of Dan Carter.
June 7. Timothy Gladden.
25. Nancy & Eliza, children of T. Gladden, deceased.
Dec. 13. Hezekiah Edwards, child of Wm. Clarke.

1808

Jan. 3. Dudley, child of Dan Carter.
June 26. Per Mr. Andrews, Esther Maria & Harvey Edward, children of Gideon Brainard.
July 21. Susannah, wife of Henry Smith, & Sarah, Barna Bonfoey, & Henry, her children.
31. Ansel, Clarissa, Samnel, & Halsey, children of Ebenezer Thomas.
Oct. 30. Daniel Clarke, Arza & Charles Tyler, children of David Dickinson.
Dec. 25. Achsah Manerva, infant of Job Hubbard (by Mr. Smith).

1809

Apr. 30. Lanson Porter, son of Ezra Brainard.
May 7. Edwin Brainard, child of David Bonfi.
June 5. Anna Spenser.
July 2. Timothy Beals, an infant of mine.
16. Ezra Kelsey; and Esther Irena, an infant of James Walkley's.

Aug. 6. Sally, wife of Nathaniel Hull, & Hannah, Lorinda, & Florilla, his & her children.
Sept. 3. Esther Brainard; and William Augustus, infant of Clark Selden.
10. Fanny Hazelton.
Oct. 8. Chauncey Andrews; and Benjamin Hart, Erasmus Darwin, & Chauncey Walter, his children.
22. Martha Spenser and Larassy Ray; and also Mary-Ann, Denison Arnold, James Hazelton, & Collings Clark, children of James Spenser; also Ursula, Almah Eliza, Alvah Whittlesey, Delia Ann, & Gilbert, children of Eli Hubbard.
29. Submit Arnold, wife of Seth Arnold; and James Clark & Mary Higgins, their children; and Simeon, William Philow, Martha, Joseph Dana, and Susannah, children of Joseph Spenser.
Nov. 19. (By Mr. Vail) Samuel Richardson, Clarissa, Heber, Tiras, & Davis Smith, children of Heber Brainard.
— —. [1810?] Hancy Hubbard & Esther Spenser; Florilla and Edwin Almon, children of Asahel Smith; & Jonathan, child of Jonathan Huntington.

1810

Apr. 25. David Brooks, a grandchild of Richard Knowles.
— —. Josiah Curtis, a child of Ww. Prudah Arnold's.
June 3. Thomas Skinner.
— —. Joseph Brooks, an infant of Job Hubbard's.
Aug. 5. Richard Skinner, and Martha, wife of R. Skinner; Jennet, John, Henry Edwin, Alexander & Catharine Pond, children of Margaret May.
19. Sylvester, Richard, Selden, Martha, Orrin, Dolly, Sybbel, Darius & Nelson, children of Richard Skinner; Philatta Russel & Sally Maria, children of Willard Gladden.
23. Lewis, Zebed & Pruella, children of Reuben Bailey.
26. by Mr. Rich, Unice a child of Joseph Spenser, Jr.
— —. John Edwin, Mirta Monimia, & Frederick Edway, children of Linus Parmalee.
Sept. 30. Desire Spenser, wife of Elizur Spenser; & David, Desire, Elizur, and Alanson his children; Susan, Davis, Electa, Esther Smith & Julia, children of George Kelsey.
Oct. 28. Abigail Thomas 2d.
Nov. 4. Hannah Ventres, wife of John Ventres; Anna Shayler, wife of Ira Shayler; & Alvah, Livah, Fisk, Henry Lyman, Mary Ann, & Ira Wells [her children]; Nancy, dau. of Ww. Candice Clarke.

Nov. 18. Lydia Brooks, wife of James Brooks.
Dec. 2. Charlotte Griffin, dau. of Betsey Clarke.
3. Hannah, Hezekiah, Fanny, Stephen, David Smith, James, Elisha King, Calvin Usher & Heman, children of James Brooks.

1811

Feb. 3. Mary Rebekah, an infant of James Brook's; Nathan Willcox, an infant of Clark Selden's.
Apr. 5. Emery, a child of Reuben Bailey.
28. Marietta, an infant of Nathaniel Hull's.
May 5. Elijah, an infant of Ezra Brainard's.
19. Parmenas, an infant of Richard Skinner's.
July 5. Orren Griffin, a child of Betsey Clark's.
14. Martha Eugenia, a child of Heber Brainard's, (by Dr. Lyman).
Aug. 25. Matthew Dickinson, my own child.
Sept. 22. James, a child of James Kelsey's.
Oct. 27. Mary Anne, a child of David Walkley's; Thomas Hubbard, a child of Elisha Clarke's.
Nov. 17. Reuben, a child of Ira Shayler's.
24. by Mr. Hovey, Henry Leander, infant of Thomas Church's.

1812

Feb. 2. Albert Picket, a child of Jehiel Hulls.
Mar. 22. Sarah, a child of Jonathan Huntington's.
May 24. Elizabeth Tamssin, a child of George Burr's.
June 14. Davis Brainard, a child of David Bonfoey.
Aug. 9. Thomas, a child of James Brook's, Jun.
Sept. 13. by Mr. D. Selden, Cinthia, a child of James Kelsey's.
Oct. 1. Aaron Bushnell, a child of Aaron Dickinson's on account of its grandmother Bushnell.
18. Irena, an infant of Job Hubbard's.

1813

Jan. 3. Edmund Clarke, a child of Clarke Seldens.
May 23. Theron Hart, infant of Chauncey Andrews.
July 25. Juliana, infant of Joseph Spenser's [Rev. Mr.] (Mills).
Aug. 8. Sally Parthena, a child of Elijah Brainard's, (by Mr. Selden).
15. Charlotte, an infant of Seth Arnold's.
Oct. 3. Jonathan Edwards, my own child.
31. Clarissa, an infant of Richard Skinner's.

Nov. 7. William, an infant of Ezra Kelsey's.
30. Rufus, a child of Rufus Tyler's, on account of its grandfather Higgins.

1814

Mar. 6. Calvin Edward, an infant of Nathl. Hull's.
27. Epaphras, infant of Aaron Dickinson's (Huntington).
Apr. 17. David Brainerd, an infant of James Kelsey's.
June 12. Florilla, an infant of David Bonfoey's.
July 10. Mary Ann, an infant of Asahel Smith's.
31. David Clark, an infant of James Brook's.
Aug. 14. Charles Parmalee, an infant of Thomas Church's, (by Dr. Lyman).
William Hart, an infant of David Walkley's, (by Dr. Lyman).
Sept. 4. Cynthia Spencer, an infant of George Burr's.
25. Harriet & Hannah Mariah, children of William Scranton.
Nov. 6. Hezekiah Brainerd, Harriot Higgins, Jonathan Wells, Erwin White, Lucy Ann, children of Ww. Sybbyl Smith.
13. Lydia Maria, an infant of Jeremiah Gates'.

1815

May 14. Stephen, infant of Elisha Clark's.
Sept. 17. Stephen Johnson, my own son.
Oct. 15. Henry, infant of Ezra Kelsey's.
Jan. 6. [1816?] Aaron, infant of the widow of Aaron Dickinson.

1816

Mar. 17. Williams, infant of Job Hubbard's.
Apr. 21. Elizabeth, infant of Dea. Huntington, (by Mr. King).
May 19. Harriet Moriah, an infant of Seth Arnold's, (by Mr. Parsons).
June 16. Permela, an infant of Ezra Brainerd's.
30. Russel, infant of Jeremiah Gates.
Russel Stevens, infant of Thomas Church, Junr.
July 9. Elizabeth Ann, Albert Merwin, James, Harriet, George, Martha Smith, Chauncey, Nancy & Hezekiah, children of James Clark.
Aug. 18. Amelia, an infant of Willard Gladding's.
Sept. 1. George Watson, infant of George Burr.
29. Andrew Galor, infant of Joseph Spencer's.

Oct. 6. Jason, an infant of James Kelsey's.
Nov. 24. Stephen Johnson, my own son.

1817

May 25. Sally Mariah, infant of Nathl. Hull's; Chauncey, infant of Ezra Kelsey's.
June 1. Mary Anna Smith.
8. Ann, infant of Elisha Clark's, (by Mr. Selden).
July 6. Louisa Delia, Orpah Irena, Bulah, Clarissa, Lucy Ann, Claudias Lysias, Caroline, Jonathan & Jared, children of Eliab Smith's; James Clark, infant of James Walkley's; Amelia, infant of David Bonfoey's.
27. Lydia Ann, infant of Wm. Scranton's.
Sept. 7. Eliza Brainerd.
Oct. 19. Davis, infant of Asahel Smith's.
Nov. 2. William Knowles.

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1819

Jan. 17. David Clarke Hubbard & Temperance his wife;
Fanny, Wife of Daniel Brainard;
Stephen Brooks;
Dorothy, Wife of Phinehas Brainard;
Sally, Wife of Heman Childs;
Daniel Thomas; Joseph Shaler; Alfred Skinner;
Orpha, Wife of George Brainard;
Alice, Wife of Simon Arnold;
James Brooks; Martha, Wife of Heber Brainard;
Arnold Hazelton Hayden; Watson Luther Boardman; Samuel Berry;
Benjamin Kelsy; George Gilbert Childs; Daniel Morgan;
Oliver P. Smith; Marquis De La Fayette Thomas; Martha Brooks;
Wealthy Ann Brooks; Roxana Hayden; Dolly Clarke; Clarissa Button;
Harriet Clarke; Jedidah Hazelton; Elisabeth Dickinson;
Mary Dickinson; Philinda Brainard,—Adults received into the Church.
Maria & David, children of Archelaus Tyler;
Harriet & Charlotte Cordelia, children of Widow Sally Ray;
Sally Maria, dau. of Charles Smith, bapt. on the mother's account;

Jan. 17. Martha Maria, Mary Smith, Jenette May, Simon, Susan Clarke, children of Simon Arnold, bapt. on the mother's account;
Chauncey Hazelton & George Roberts, children of George R. Baily.

24. Fanny, Daniel, Emma, Hezekiah Smith & Nancy Smith, children of Daniel Brainard;
Armenia Maritta, John Ogden, children of David C. Hubbard;
George Alanson, Heman, Alexander, Mary Ann & Hannah, children of Heman Childs, bap. on the mothers account;
William Wheeler & Sally Maria, children of Saml. Smith.

31. Sally Maria, Oliver, David Hubbard, Solomon, children of Solomon Walkley Jr.

Feb. 21. William Ogden, Nancy Minerva, Gilbert, George Baily, Daniel Comstock, Lydia & Samuel, Children of Daniel Thomas.

Mar. 7. Nathan Tyler; Wells Knowles; Eliott Brainard; Dolly Smith & Esther Tyler—Adults received into the church.

Apr. 4. Job Hubbard Jr. & Winslow Higgins.—Adults rec. into the church.

26. Catharine, dau. of Henry Smith.

May 2. Selden Tyler & Willard Gladwin—Adults rec. into the church;
Edward Higgins, son of Widow Esther Tyler.

9. Hepzibah, daughter of Joseph Spencer, bap. on Mother's acc't.

16. Orpha Matilda, dau. of Selden Gladwin;
Jerusha, d. of James Kelsy, bap. on Mother's acc't.

23. Lucinda, Stephen Elijah, Susannah, George Brainard, Leander, Children of Orin Smith; Almyrine, Martha Annah, Mary, Laura Brainard, Fanny & Harriet, Children of Asa Young;
Fanny, Whitney, Daniel & Betsy, Children of Hezekiah Scovil bap. on Mothers account:—baptised by Rev. Mr. Vail of Hadlyme.

June 6. Heman Childs;—Adult rec. into the ch.; Ursula, John Brainard, Lavinia, Emily, Elisabeth, children of Wid. Huldah Smith; Sally Ann, Alpheus Wells & Tamzin Hart, children of Wells Knowles.

Aug. 1. Edward Rutty; Hannah, W of James Brooks 2d; Anna W. of Wm. Ely; Abigail Brainard:—Adults Rec. into the Ch.
Ruth Elisabeth, d. of Daniel Thomas; Sarah, d. of Ezra Kelsy;
Temperance Lauretta, d. of David C. Hubbard;
John Smith & Hepzibah Ann, children of Amzi Lee;

Aug. 1. Jared Huntington, Joseph Niles, Electa Maroa, children of Joseph Shaler;
Enos Brainard, Jemima, Halsey, Mary Ann, Heman Atwood, children of Israel Thomas, bapt. on Mothers account.
8. Andrew Wheeler, Emaline, Hezikiah Clark, Mary Jerusha, James William, Children of James Brooks 2d; Nehemiah, son of Calvin Brainard.
29. Alfred Denton, son of Alfred Skinner; Carlos Bola, son of Moses Tyler.
Sept. 5. George Washington, Rachel & Samuel Evelyn, Ch. of Daniel Dickinson Jr.; Margaret, dau. of Daniel Brainard; Seth Shaler, son of Seth Arnold; Selden Henry & Elisabeth Randel, ch. of Selden Tyler.
Oct. 10. Mary Ann, d. of Aaron Brainard. Bap by Mr Hotchkiss.
Nov. 7. Asa, Philester, Phinehas, Diodate, Rebekah Brooks & Sarah Ann, Children of Phineas Brainard, Bap on mothers Acct.;
Rebekah Spencer d. of Orin Smith.

1820

Feb. 5. John, Son of Heman Childs, bap. in private.
Apr. 30. Angeline Maria d. of Amzi Lee; George Smith, son of George S Brainard, & Abigail Griswold d. of Davis Smith, bap on their mothers account.
May 6. Zillah Kelsy, adult received into the Church.
June 18. Hezekiah son of Hez. Scovil.
25. Leander Austin, Son of George R Baily.
July 2. James, Russel, Erasmus, Sophia, Orlando, Henry Starkey, Malantha, William Jones & Julian, Children of James Gladwin;
Anah Maria, d. of David Gramis.
23. Ezra, son of Ezra Brainard, bap by Rev Mr Hotchkiss.
Aug. 6. Gilbert Selden, son of Selden Gladwin.
27. Job Edwards, son of James Brooks 2d.
Sept. 10. Dolly Clarke, d. of David Walkly & Samuel Davis Son of Phinehas Brainard, bap by Mr Field.
Oct. 1. Jerusha, Maxamilla, Nathan, William Smith, Elisabeth, Tamzin & Chauncey Stephens, Children of Nathan Tyler.
11. Esther Maria & Susan Brainard, children of George Burr, and Jared, son of Elisha Clark, Bap in private.
Nov. 16. John Ely, bap. & admitted into the Church in private, having the consumption;

Nov. 16. Whitmore, Hannah, Charlotte Brooks, Harriet & William, Children of John Ely, bap in private.
Dec. 3. Harris, Esther, Wilson, Titus, John & David Warner, Children of the Widow of Harris Baily.

1821

Feb. 3. Wealthy, Wife of Mathew Hubbard; Simon Hazelton; Laura Knowles; Susan Dickinson; Martha Stephens & Eliza Burr,—Adults received into the Church.
Jared, Joseph, Owen Brainard, Children of Jared Arnold baptised on the Mothers acct.; Mary Johnson & Henry Edwin, Chil. of Linus Parmele, Jr., bap. on Mothers account.
Mar. 3. Thomas Clarke Smith & Harriet Smith,—Adults;
Worthington Chauncey, Maria Lyman & Mary Elisabeth, Chil. of John Butler Bap. on Mothers acct.
Apr. 1. Cynthia Child,—adult rec. into the Church.
15. Emily, Talcot, Dolly, Lucy Ann, Nelson & Martha Maria, children of the Widow Lucy Wheeler.
22. Mary Rebekah, Timothy Brooks, Julian, Elisabeth & Katharine, Children of Matthew Hubbard bap. on Mothers account by Mr. Smith of Durham.
May 12. Joseph Selden, son of Selden Huntington; &
Lucy Southmaid, d. of Widow Elizth. Clarke, bap. by Mr. Beardslee.
20. Andrew, son of Doctor A. F. Warner, bap. on Mothers acct.
June 3. Sidney Smith Hazelton & Mary, Wife of Asa Higgins, —Adults; &
Timothy Oskar, son of James Gladwin.
July 8. Horace Arnold and Sylva his Wife; Susannah Dickinson;
Almira Skinner,—Adults; & Brittania Amelia d. of Simon Hazelton.
22. Joseph & Benjamin, Twin Children of Ezra Kelsy; & Sylvanus Smith, Abigail Higgins, Oliver & Ezra Brainard,—Children of Oliver West,—Baptized by Mr. Robbins of Kensington.
Aug. 26. Susan, Ezra & Marinda Ann,—Children of Asa Higgins; & —— Amelia, & Jerusha Abigail,—Children of Horace Arnold.
Sept. 2. Ezekiel Clarke,—Adult.
9. Abigail Elisabeth & Esther Maranda, Children of Saml. Tyler, bap. by S. P. Williams.
30. Charles Smith, s. of Aaron Brainard, bap by Mr. Tenny.

1822

Feb. 11. Julia Brooks, d of Asa Young, bap by Mr. Hotchkiss.
Apr. 21. Rebekah Maria & Mary Florilla,—Children of Thomas C. Smith.
May 5. Huldah Smith,—Adult.
12. David, son of Jonathan Huntington & Elisabeth, dau. of Daniel Brainard, bap by Mr. Wittemore.
19. Abigail Buckley, dau. of Davis Smith; Ursula, dau. of George Brainard; Mariet, ag. 12, d. of Susan Dickinson; Chauncey Martin, son of David Grannis; Edmund Porter, s. of Samuel Smith; Anna Maria, d. of Simon Hazelton & Elisabeth Mary, d. of Moses Tyler.
26. Edwin son of Heman Child.
June 30. Tamzin Elisabeth, d. of Selden Gladwin & —— son of Widow Jemima Baily.
July 7. Solomon Everitt, s. of George R. Baily.
21. Matthew, s. of Matthew Hubbard, bap in private.
Aug. 11. Daniel Ransom, s. of Joseph Shailer.
Sept. 1. Ezra, Samuel, Esther, Persa & Titus,—Children of Jacob Brainard, bap on his Wifes account.
20. Elisabeth d. of Edward Rutty & Martha Jane, d. of James Brooks 3d, Bap by Mr. Crane.
Nov. 10. Lydia Maria d. of Henry Smith.

1823

May 4. Christopher son of Selden Tyler.
18. Susan White d. of Thomas Skinner.
25. Lucinthia Cone, d. of Dr. Andrew Warner, m. acc.
June 1. Elisha Bardwell, son of James Gladwin; & —— d of Oliver West.
22. Sylva, d. of Horace Arnold; Sabra Denison d. of Saml. Tyler, m. acc.
July 3. Nancy Clark d. of Hurlburt Swan, m. acc.; &
Amelia d. of —— Bonfie, m. acc.
Aug. 17. Charlotte, d. of Jonathan Spencer, m. acc.
31. Amos Gilbert Hubbard grandchild of Jemima Baily offered by her.
Sept. 7. Jerusha, wife of Cornelius Brainard; & Nancy Maria, d. of Seth Arnold.
20. Jonathan Smith, son of Samuel Kelsy, on mother's account; &
Jennette May, dau. of Linus Parmele, m. acc.
Nov. 9. Drusilla Ann, d. of Comfort Cone; Lois d. of Ezra Brainard.

1824

Feb. 28. Sarah Waterman, d. of Hezekiah Brainard, bap. in private.
Mar. 14. Jared, s. of Ezra Kelsy, bap by Mr. Talcott, on m ac.
Apr. 18. Martha Griswold & Mary Johnson, Twin children of Davis Smith on m. acc.
May 2. James Kelly Child; Darius Dickinson; David Dickinson; Timothy Tyler & Harriet his wife; Dudley Clarke; Susannah, Wife of Stephen Dickinson; Mary, wife of John Dickinson; Beulah Child; Larissa Shailer; Nancy Shailer; Fanny Tyler; Dorothy Tyler; Delia Brainard; Susan Brainard & Sally Maria Dickinson, —Adults received into the Church.
23. Darius Leander, Warren Williams, Alfred Shailer & Aaron Ogden,—Children of Darius Dickinson; Sarah, daughter of Ansel Smith.
30. Sarah d. of Asa Youngs.
June 6. Luther Freeman; George Clarke & Emily his wife; Samuel Tyler; George Edgar Baily; Chauncey Allen Dickinson; Wd. Lydia Sherman; Orpah Ann Carter; Hannah Dickinson & Mary Ann Clarke,—Adults received into the Church.
13. Charles, Jennet & Timothy, Three children of Timothy Tyler; & Cynthia d. of —— —— bap. by Mr. King.
27. Samuel, son of Deac Jonathan Huntington; Edwin, s. of Heman Child; Newell Judson s of George R Baily; Maria —— d of Elisha Clarke; William Ely s. of William Mather; Julia Emely, Orpha Lois, Barsheba & David Ogden, 4 children of David Dickinson.
28. Joseph Spencer s of Saml. Smith bap in private.
27. Cynthia d. of Hezekiah Scovil.
July 4. Lucy, wife of Aaron Brainard & Mehitable w. of Elijah Williams,—Adults.
11. —— son of Linus Parmele, m. ac.
18. ——, — of Sylvester Brainard.
25. —— Southworth, — of Daniel Dickinson; & John Andrew, Nancy, Sophia & Samuel 4 children of John Dickinson.
Aug. 1. Alvan Brainard & Elisabeth his wife.
15. Luther Augustus, Esther Cordelia & Temperance Rebekah Three children of Luther Freeman.
29. Hezekiah Smith, Israel Shailer & John,—Three children of George Clark; & Caroline, Hancey Maria & Betsy Ann—Three children of —— ——.
Sept. 5. Julian d. of Daniel Thomas.
Nov. 7. Margaret Julian d of James Gladwin; & Chatfield s of Elizur Spencer, m. ac.
12. Elisabeth Amanda d. of —— Skinner.

1825

Feb. 20. Sarah Ann d. of Simon Hazelton.
Apr. 24. Orpah Clark d of George Brainard, m. ac.
May 15. Clarissa Cone d. of Ansel Smith.
22. Ann Lord d of Arnold H. Hayden.
29. Sylvester, s. of Darius Dickinson; Wells s. of Timothy Tyler; Henry Bulkley s. of Revitio Chapman, m. ac.; —— ——, children of Alva Shailer; Silas, son of Gideon Gladwin; ——, [child of] Alvan Brainard.
Aug. 28. Persia Maria d. of Jacob Brainard, m. ac.
Sept. 3. —— — of Howell Bowers.
18. John Brainard s. of Jonathan Arnold, m. ac; Ursula, d. of Samuel Tyler.
Oct. 2. William Henry, son of Dr. Andrew F. Warner, deceased; Lucinda, daughter of Horace Arnold; Ellen, d. of Selden Tyler; Sarah Elisabeth d. of Russel Gladwin, mothers account.
Nov. 6. Esther Brainard d. of Edward Rutty; Samuel Church s. of Samuel Smith; DeWitt Clinton, s. of George Burr, m. ac.

1826

Feb. 5. John Tallmadge, son of John Marsh, born Dec. 17, 1825.
19. Joseph ——, son of Asa Young, bap in private by Mr. Case; &
Catharine, & ——, Twin children of Ezra Kelsy.
June 11. James Hurlburt & Albert Oscar, children of Hurlburt Swan m. ac.;
Harriet Frances, d. of Abraham Hubbard, m. ac; &
Sarah Jane, d. of Davis Smith, m. ac.
16. Joseph s. of Hezekiah Scovil.
Aug. 6. Henry Smith s of Benjamin Kelsy; & Pamela d. of —— Skinner, m. ac.
10. James Curtiss s of Simon Hazelton bap in private.
Sept. 3. Urban Eldrige son of George R Baily.
17. Catharine d. of Deacon Jonathan Huntington.
Oct. 8. Amelia Melissa, d of Benanuel Bonfie m. ac.
15. Jared Smith, son of Seth Arnold deceased; & Sally Elisabeth, d. of Gideon Gladwin.

1827

Apr. 15. Ansel Davis, s of Ansel Goff, m. ac.
22. Andrew Hosmer son of Selden Gladwin.
June 24. Arnold Hazelton s. of Arnold H Hayden; Joseph Albers s of Deacon Asa Young; & Mary Brainard d. of William Mather.

July — [Henry] Austin s of Smith Ventress, m. ac.
15. Lucinthia d of Dr. Ira Hutchinson m ac.
22. Louisa d of Jonathan Arnold m ac.
29. Maroah d of David Dickinson.
Aug. 6. Samuel son of Howel Bowers.
20. Octavia Ceilia d of David C. Hubbard; & Emily d of Abraham Hubbard, mothers account.
27. Ann d of Edward Rutty.
Nov. 25. Lura d of Timothy Tyler; & Ursula d of Alvan Brainard.

1828

Feb. 4. Frances Ann daughter of John Marsh.
17. Henry Davis, son of Davis Smith.
Mar. — Laura Wife of Alva Shailer.
May 4. George Kelsy; Davis Smith; Edmund Hubbard; Bela Burr; Nathan Tyler Dickinson; Nathaniel Matthew; Chauncey Bonfie; James Ray & Hancy his wife; Jemima Cone aged 60; Esther, w of Simeon Hubbard; Esther Maria Hubbard; Anthea Hubbard; Mary, w. of Sylvester Skinner; Dimmis Ray; Hope Randall Lord; Caroline Mehitable Usher; Mary Elisabeth Dickinson; Huldah Spencer; Laura Dwight; Harriet Hubbard; Electa Burr; Hannah Burr; Roana Porter Smith; Merinda Ann Smith; Nancy Tibbels; Elisabeth Ann Clarke; Hannah Brooks & Margery Maria Dickinson,—28 [29] Adults received into the church.
11. Philo Ives, son of Ansel Warner, mothers ac. & Elisabeth Jemima, d. of Smith Hazelton.
25. Charles Alla Tyler Dickinson, Achsah Ann, Elisabeth Amelia, Jared, Sidney Griswold & Oswin Smith, Six Children of Arza Dickinson;
James Smith & Hannah, Children of James Ray.
June 1. De Antheum Hubbard Brainard; Simeon Hamilton Hubbard; Sylva wife of George R. Baily,—Adults 3; Sylva ——, daughter of G. R. Baily.
8. Miriam Wells, d. of Ruel Knowles.
15. John Austin s. of George Brainard.
22. Susan Clarke d. of Benanuel Bonfoey, m. ac.
July 6. Joshua Brainard & Lucinda Ann Clark,—Adults; & —— —— Children of Widow Fanny Child.
19. John, Mary, Samuel Maverick & George Edward, Children of George Kelsy.
20. Maria, Martha, Harriet, Sylvester & Nelson, Children of Sylvester Skinner bap. on Mother's account.
27. Alva, Mary Lavinia, Addison, Ira Shailer & Liva, Children of Ansel Brainard Jr.

Aug. 3. William White & Laura his wife, Adults; & Heman & George, children of Widow Hannah Brooks.
17. Ezra, Shaler, Asahel Wheeler & Jared, children of Simeon Hubbard, m. ac.
& Simon Adison, s. of Simon Hazelton.
28. Leander Davis & Florella Ann, children of Edwin Smith.
Sept. 7. Benjamin Willard, Linus Burr, James Denison, Lusina Johnson, & Jonathan Edwards, Children of Benjamin Smith.
21. Olivia d of Alva Shailer.
27. Fanny Lovina, Horace Watson, Cynthia Sophrona, Clarissa Matilda, Maria Shailer, Jerusha Thomas, Richard & Martha Ann, Children of Asahel Bonfie;
David Boardman Phelps adopted son, & Mary Frances daughter of Watson Boardman.
Oct. 12. Samuel Hobart, son of Hurlburt Swan.
26. Lydia Manilla d of Samuel Tyler.
Nov. 3. Sydney s. of Jacob Brainard.

1829

Apr. 7. Leveret, s. of Dr. Ira Hutchinson; &
—— —— Emmons m ac.
June 24. Huldah Ann d. of Davis Kelsy, m. ac.
July 12. —— —— of Ruel Knowles.
Aug. 16. —— Eliza d. of Howell Bowers.
23. James —— s of Smith Hazelton; Jerusha Ann, Cynthia Maria, Ada Eliza, Benjamin Franklin & Dwight Clinton, Children of Asa Mitchell.
Sept. 13. Louisa Elisabeth d of Samuel Smith.
20. Josephine d of Hez. Scovil.
27. George Burr, s. of Benjamin Smith; Joseph, s. of Ansel Smith; & Esther Tyler d. of Arza Dickinson.
Oct. 7. Mary Brimmer, d. of Rev. John Marsh, bap by Mr. Hotchkiss.
Nov. 15. Randolph s. of Arnold H. Hayden; Davis Tyler s. of Horace Arnold; —— — of Edward Rutty & Henry — of Davis Smith.

1830

May 2. ——, [George O, son] of Ansel Warner m ac.
9. Harrison son of Ansel Brainard.
23. S. Matilda — of Chauncey Skinner.
30. Maria Jane d of Watson Boardman.
July 5. Leander, s of Eber Brainard 2d m. ac.

Aug. 1. Theodore Frelingheusen, s. of Hurlburt Swan; & Asahel Carlos s. of Asahel Bonfie.
22. Orret Lodisha d of Edwin Smith.

1831

Apr. 25. Stephen Nelson s. of Russel Gladwin.
May 23. Francis Louisa d of Asahel Bonfie m ac & Eveline d of Dr. Ira Hutchinson & Mary Emma d of George S. Brainard.
June 12. Laura Louisa d of Rev. John Marsh; & Clarissa Cone d of Clarissa Loveland deceased.
26. Julian, Hezekiah, John Spencer & Miriam Maria, Children of Alfred Brainard Mothers account.
July 3. Wealthy wife of George W. Smith, Frances, Prudence Cornelia & George Child, Their children;
Betsy Wife of Chauncey Child, Charles Chauncey & Cortez Clark, Their children; &
Ezra s. of Ezra Kelsy.
Sept. 2. George Eliphalet & Robert, Children of Eliphalet Smith bap. in private, m. ac.
3. Cyprian Strong Brainard, adult, & Cyprian Strong his son;
Willard Cook and Abigail his wife, Ansel Brainard & Abby Florilla, their children;
Delia Elisabeth d. of Alanson Brainard; Edwin Smith & Nancy Shailer, Adults.
10. John s. of Jonathan Arnold, m. ac.
21. Sarah Philanda d of Asa Brainard bap. in private.
25. Hepzibah Lavinia d of Gideon Brainard.
Oct. 2. Emily Sophia d of Darius Dickinson; Ezra Watrous s. of David Tyler; & Elisabeth Hannah & Harriet Newell, ch of Daniel Dickinson.
23. —— s. of Chapman Emmons m. ac.
30. Orlow Wells s. of Comfort Cone; & Hannah Florilla d of Alva Shailer.
Nov. 6. Alexander Whittlesy Hall; David Knowles & Charlotte Wife of Chauncey Skinner;
Andrew Curtis, s. of A. W. Hall; & Helen Fordham d of Watson Boardman.
20. Ursula Lucinda d of Smith Hazelton; &
—— of Eliphalet Smith.

1832

Feb. 28. Jared Shailer, s. of Simon Hazelton bap in private.
June 3. —— s. of Irwin Smith.

June 17. Cyrus Willison s. of De Antheum Brainard; & Nathan Porter s. of Bela Burr.
July 1. Ansel Gardner s. of Ansel Warner; Orville Wheeler s. of Hezekiah Brooks; & Elisabeth d of Horace Arnold.
22. —— of Ruel Knowles.
29. —— d. of Deacon Youngs.
—— d of Ansel Brainard.
—— d of Jacob Brainard.
Aug. 26. Olive Alvira d. of Edwin Smith.
Thomas Edward s. of Saml. Smith.
Catharine Rebekah, d of Benjamin Kelsy.
—— Sophia d of Alvan Brainard.
Sept. 23. Ellen Harmonia d of Benj. Smith.
Oct. 11. Eugene Burtis s. of Cyprian Brainard.

1833

Mar. 10. —— son of Howell Bowers in private.
24. John Ira s. of Dr Ira Hutchinson.
31. Theodore s. of Russel Gladwin; & Julian & Gamaliel Pratt, ch. of Daniel Thomas.
Oct. 31. Cornelia Jane d of Mr. Reed m. ac.; Rovira Judson d [s] of Selden Gladwin; &
Mary Jane, d of —— Bonfie.

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1834

— — —— —— B. Bonfoi.
Aug. 25. —— —— J. C. Arnold.
31. Mary Elizabeth d. of Hoel Bowers.
Sept. 21. Benja. Wilson, son of Benj. Kelsey.
Oct. 11. Susan Palmer, daughter of Mr. Smth, Burr District.
Nov. 20. Sarah Ann, d of Dr. Hutchinson.
23. Hezekiah Clark, son of D. C. Dickinson.

1835

Apr. 20. Almanza Murella, d of D. C. Hubbard.
May 3. Mary Marshall, d of Rev T. S. Clarke; Susan, d of Mrs. Gorge Flagg; & Eliphalet Smith (adult).
24. Aristarchus, son of Deacn. J. Huntington; Emily Silence, d of S. Huntington; & Adrian Morrison, son of C. S. Brainard.

May 31. Francis Ginett, son [dau.] of Darius Dickinson; & William Wilson, son of Willard Knowles.
June 7. John, son of George S. Brainard.
July 11. Franklin, son of Russell Gladwin.
18. Abba Maria, d of Mr. Reed.
Aug. 23. Sidney Smith son of S. Hazleton.
Sept. 6. —— —— children of Wd. Mary Ann Cone.
13. —— —— Ansel Brainard.
—— —— Samuel Smith.
27. John Whittlesey & Anna Maria, children of De Anthem Brainard.
Oct. 18. Catharine Whittlesey, d of A. W. Hall.
Harriet, d of Alva Shailer.
Nov. — Cornelia Ann d of Ansel Brainard Jr.

1836

May — Jane Ormelia, d of Joseph Burr 3d.
July — Laura Louisa, d of H. Scovil.
Lynde Elliot, son of John May.
Sept. — Edgar Ezekiel Son of Ezekiel S. Clark, (by Mr. Mead).
Oct. 23. Oliver Smith Son of Alfred Brainerd 2d; &
Mary Emily d of Hezekiah Child (Mr. Crosby).
Nov. 6. Ezra Leander Son of Heber Brainerd Jr (Mr. Crosby).

1837

Jan. 1. Augustus Cone son of Ira Hutchinson, (Mr. Crosby).
Mar. 19. Catharine, D. of Rev. Tertius S. Clarke, by Mr. Field.
21. Stephen, s. of Enos Smith & Harriet his wife, Do.
Apr. 2. James Tully, s. of George Kelsey, Do.

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May 14. Nathaniel Cook.
June 11. Clarinda Almanza, infant of Sylvester Brainerd.
18. John Watson, infant of Watson L. Boardman.
July 30. Joseph Brooks, infant of Gilbert Crook.
Aug. 6. Sarah Ellen, infant of Erwin White Smith, by Rev. Stephen A. Loper.
27. Frances Jedidah, infant of Smith Hazelton.
Sept. 24. Cynthia Sophia, Catharine Cordelia, Caroline Cornelia & John Edwin, children of Nathaniel Cooke.
Oct. 1. Caroline Ann, child of Benanuel Bonfoey.
8. Elizabeth Ann, infant of James C. Arnold; & Emiline, infant of Roswell Reed, by Rev. Mr. Shepard.

Oct. 15. Elizabeth, child of John May, & Ellen Jedidah, child of David B. Ventres.
29. Levi Hamilton, child of Bela Burr, by Rev. A. Hovey.

1838

Apr. 15. Benjamin Spencer, child of Dr. Catlin.
30. Lucena Ann, child of George Brainerd.
May 6. Mary, wife of Nathaniel Cook.
17. John Austin, child of Ansel Warner.
20. Theodore Franklin, child of Russel Gladwin.
June 10. Annah Colton, child of Ansel Brainerd;
Thomas Hubbard, child of Chauncey Deming Skinner; & Whitney Tyler, child of Widow Elizabeth Scovil.
17. Charles Wells, child of Hiram Brooks.
Aug. 26. Frances Amelia, infant of Oliver P. Smith (by Mr. Parsons).
Sept. 30. Susan Parmer, child of Enos Smith; George Bacon, child of Gould Campbell; & Mary Philindia, child of Milton Brooks.
Oct. 14. Sylvester Erzy, child of De Anthon Brainerd.
Dec. 23. Alexander Curtis, infant of Alexander C. Hall.
25. Chauncey, child of Chauncey Dickinson.

1839

Feb. 26. Aurelia Isdore, child of Arza Dickinson.
Mar. 24. John Elbert & Philo Franklin, children of Arza Dickinson.
June 30. Nancy Clarke, adopted child of Hurlbert Swan; Henry Edwin, child of John May; & Susan Louisa, child of Ebenezer Cooke.
July 28. Clarissa May, infant of Davis Kelsey; Nehemiah Brainerd, infant of David B. Ventres; & Benjamin, infant of Daniel Smith.
Aug. 18. Frances Marsh, infant of Dr. Ira Hutchinson.
Sept. 15. Caroline Mahitable, infant of Roswel Reed.
Oct. 6. Ursula Brainerd, infant of Arnold H. Hayden; & Simon Albert, infant of Sidney S. Hazelton, by Rev. Mr. Loper.
13. Ann Eliza, Lamira, & Alnora, children of Chauncey Dickinson.

1840

May 31. Ellen Calista, infant of Selden Gladwin.
June 14. Edwin Marvin, infant of De Anthon Brainerd.
Aug. 30. Francis Winslow, infant of Bela Burr.

1841

May 16. Watson Eugene, infant of Benanuel & Eliza Bonfoey.
23. Gustavus, child of Russel Gladwin.
June 20. Ellen Sophia, infant of Willard Cooke.
July 4. Michael Hubbard; & Joseph Whiting.
Sept. 5. Martha Ely; Albert Scranton; Emily Ann Spencer; & Nancy Tyler.
12. David Brainerd, Sarah Amelia & Jennet Tyler, children of David B. Ventres.
Oct. 31. Henry Strong, infant of Hiram Brooks.
Nov. 1. Mary Jane, daughter of Cyrus W. Field of New-York upon the faith of his wife, Mary B. Field.

1842

July 1. Maria Hill, infant of Sydney S. Hazelton.
24. Charles Newell, infant of De Anthon Brainerd.
Aug. 14. Franklin Shaler, infant of Milton Brooks.
Sept. 25. Mary Catharine, infant of Caroline Usher, wife of Roswell Reed; &
George Hervey & Egbert Frisbie, children of Freelove Beers, wife of Josiah Beers, by Rev. Mr. Loper.
30. Oliver & Prudence Cornelia, children of Oliver P. Smith.
Oct. 10. Statira Emma, child of John May.

1843

Jan. 17. Gideon & Lavinia Elizabeth, children of Gideon Brainerd.
Apr. 29. Wyllys, Hubart & Nancy Maria, children of Aaron L. & Nancy Ayres.
July 9. Oliver Brainerd, infant of Enos Smith.
16. Richard Edwards, infant of John May.
Sept. 3. Amelia Sophronia Barry; & Antoinette Maria Hubbard.
Nov. 19. Gilbert Harrison, child of Ww. Emma Hubbard.
Dec. 19. Daniel Benjamin, child of Mrs. Daniel Smith.

1844

Feb. 9. Esther Maranda, infant of Warren W. Dickinson.
25. James Cornelius, Louisa Martha, & Frederic Augustus, children of Joseph O. Rich, on the faith of his wife Harriet Clark Rich.
Mar. 8. Frederic Winchel, infant of Atwood Thomas, on the faith of his wife.

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Dec. 6. Rosabella, a child of Deantheum Brainerd.

1849

Aug. — Joseph Warren Bracket, Child of Joseph W. Bracket & Ann Lord Bracket, by Rev. E. W. Cooke.

1850

July — Harriet W. Cooke, Child of Rev. E W Cooke & Martha Cooke.

Aug. 31. Huldah Ursula Smith, Child of O. P. Smith & Phebe H C Smith.

1851

June 1. Marvin Norton Brainerd; & William Belden Brainerd Children of Deantheun & Mary Ann [Sally Maria] Brainerd.

1853

July 17. George Albert Dickinson, Cynthia Ophelia Dickinson, Carrile Annahbille Dickinson, & Erastus Colton Dickinson, Children of Erastus & M. Dickinson; Almira Louisa Rogers Child of Elihu & Cornelia Rogers; & Alice Ventres Child of David B & Jedidah Ventres.

Sept. 4. Harriet Dickinson & Chauncey Dickinson, Children of Chauncey & Eliza Dickinson.

1863

July 5. Edward Marverie Kelsey, [child of] S M & Clarissa Kelsey; Daniel Brainerd & George Austin Brainerd, Children of Hubert & Cynthia Virginia Brainerd; Elizabeth Duella Dickinson & Edward Shailer Dickinson, Children of Erastus S. & Esther Dickinson; & George Brainerd, Child of John A & Ellen V. Brainerd.

1866

May 6. Everet Ogden Tyler, Walter G. Tyler, & Carlton Eldrige Tyler, Children of Nathl. & Frances Dickinson Tyler; & Eva Augusta Brainerd, Child of Sylvester Brainerd.

1868

Oct. 4. Charles Child Ventres, Son of Tyrus Ventres & Frances Smith [Ventres]; Ellen [Clara] Jedidah Brainerd, [Child of] J. A Brainerd & Ellen Brainerd;
James Hayden Wright, [Son of] James N. Wright & Ursula Hayden Wright; &
Maria Smith, [Child of] Osmer & Hannah Smith.

Sept. 19. [1869 probably] Henry Owen Brainerd, & Martha Virginia Brainerd, Children of Henry Hubert & [Cynthia] Virginia Brainerd.

MARRIAGES

Record kept by the Rev. Eleazer May.

(The words, "I married . . . together," which almost invariably appear in the original entries, have been omitted in copying, except in the first instance.)

1756

July 27. Then I Married David Smith and Martha Brooks together.
Sept. 4. Stephen Johnson of Middletown and Sarah Ellis of Haddam.
21. Solomon Bates and Wdo Hannah Spicer.
Nov. 8. Jeremiah Ray of Haddam and Mehitable Hough or Huff.

1757

May 26. Eleazer Lewis and Abigail Tyler.
26. Elisha Cone and Martha Bates.

1758

Jan. William Barns of New Fairfield and Deborah Griswould of Haddam.
Daniel Bates and Lucy Spicer.

1760

July Joseph Dickenson and Lydia Brooks.
June William Marcum and Abigail Willey.

1761

Oct. Frances Clark and Else Smith.

1762

Feb. 25. Jeremiah Hubbard and Mary Wells.
Nov. 11. Ezra Shailor and Jerusha Brainerd.
16. Joshua Brooks and Elisabeth Brainerd.

1763

June Joshua Strong of Middletown and Hope Smith of Haddam.
30. Peter Rich of Middletown and Penelope Bonfoye of Haddam.
Nov. 15. Nehemiah Brainerd and Sarah Brainerd both of Haddam.

1764

Jan. 3. Jonathan Bordman and the Widdow Sarah Smith.
5. James Stephens and Lydia Hazelton.
June Isaack Williams and Mary Arnold.
Sept. 13. Jabez Brainerd Jr and Deborah Brainerd.
Nov. 7. Samuel Lee of Guilford and Agnis Dickinson of Haddam.
Dec. 27. Ezra Tyler and Prudence Richardson.

1765

Jan. 3. Samuel Shailor and Elisabeth Butler.
Feb. 21. David Smith and Hannah Brainerd.
May 2. Oliver Welles and Ann Brainerd.
June Otis Southworth of Saybrook and Nancy Ray of Haddam.
Sept. 3. David Halloburt of Middletown and D Arnold of Haddam.
Sept. Gershom Thairs of Middletown and Susannah Hazelton of Haddam.
Nov. 2. Charles Sears and Sarah Clarke.
Dec. 8. Joshua Brooks and Hannah Smith.

1766

Feb. 6. Ephraim Baley and Mary Kelley.
Oct. Samuel Hurlburt of Middletown and Jerusha Higgins of Haddam.
Nov. Bryant Brown of Killingly and Mary Dunbar of Haddam.
Dec. Jacob Catling of Harwington and Dorothy Griswold of Haddam.

1767

May 30. Stephen Venters and Mary Church.
Sept. 17. Jonathan Huntington of East Haddam and Silence Selden of Haddam.
Oct. 1. Jonathan Brooks and Hope Baley.
13. William Smith and Esther Brainerd.
Dec. Bezaleel Shailor and Susannah Baley.

1768

Feb. 14. David Clarke and Abigail Hazelton.
May 11. Abner Ives of Wallingford and Anne Forguson of Haddam.
Sept. 1. Solomon Wakeley and Rebeckah Hazelton.
Oct. 6. John Brooks and Esther Brainerd.
Dec. 1. Samuell Lord of Lyme and Elisabeth Bates of Haddam.

1769

Jan. 1. James Merwin and Martha Smith of Haddam.
10. Samuell Spencer and Anne Brooks.
Mar. 18. Abner Spencer and Deborah Clarke.
Apr. 5. Capt Lemuel Hull of Killingsworth and Widdow Sarah Porter of Haddam.
13. Evan Thomas and Ann Smith.
May 24. James Knowles and Martha Smith.
June 5. Stephen Clarke and Martha Cone.
7. Aaron Hubbard and Damaris Wakely.
Nov. Theodore Ray and Abigail Higgins.

1770

Jan. Samuell Scovil and Ruth Chapman.
Apr. Samuel Church of East Haddam and Sarah Higgins of Haddam.
July John Smith and Widdow Susannah White.
Dec. 20. Jepthah Brainerd and Anne Fisk.

1771

Mar. 14. Abraham Spencer and Drusilla Brainerd.
May 30. James Arnold and Free Love Wellman.

June 3. William Kelley and Catharine Stillman.
26. Samll Spencer and Abigail Porter both of Haddam.
July 11. Reuben Brooks and Abigail Cone.
Sept. 4. Ozias Bidwell of Hartford and Wido Esther Brooks of Haddam.
Oct. 10. Shailor Hubbard and Anne Wakely.
Nov. 6. Thomas Hubbard Jr. and Sarah Boardman.
12. Joseph Selden Jr. and Susannah Smith.
14. Capt. Abraham Brooks and the Widdow Elanor Smith.

1772

May John Selden of Middle Haddam and Jerusha Clarke of Haddam.
Oct. John Mahans of Hartford and Huldah Brainerd of Haddam.
Nov. 9. Solomon Tyler of Branford and Dorcas Fisk of Haddam.

1773

Feb. 10. Nathaniel Brainerd of Haddam and Ann Johnson of Middletown.
11. Joseph Post of Saybrook and Bethiah Higgins of Haddam.
21. Necho Servant of Lt. Arnold and Tamar my Servant.
Mar. Sylvanus Hull of Durham and Phebe Smith of Haddam.
May William Heskell and Martha Porter.
James Clark and Mary White.
Justus Augur and Rhoda Allen.
June Daniel Brainerd and Susannah Clarke.
Aug. Asa Wakely and Elisabeth Thomas both of Haddam.
Sept. 6. Gideon Baley Jr and Lydia Spencer.
Aug. —— Richardson of East Haddam and Sarah Towner of Haddam.
Oct. Jonathan Clarke and Ruth Clarke.
James Thomas and Jerusha Clarke.
Roger Thomas and Sarah Comstock.
Nov. Amos Baley of Haddam and Ruth Gibbs of Chatham.
Dec. 9. Isaack Johnson of Middletown and Anne Towner of Haddam.
14. Henry Rockwell of Middletown and Desire Cone of Haddam.
30. Jonathan Chapman and Mary Smith.
31. William Gladden and Ama Hotchkiss.

1774

Jan. 4. Beriah Cone and Ann Thomas.
Feb. Joshua Gates Jr of East Haddam and Eunice Fuller of Haddam.
Apr. Joseph Burr and Mary Knowles.
Joshua Smith and Abigail Knowles.
May William Brainerd and Lydia Smith.
Aug. Whitmore Crook and Phebe Clarke.
Abijah Fuller and Hannah Spencer.
Oct. Lewis Smith and Anne Hubbard.
Luther Boardman and Esther Smith.
Obadiah Dickinson and Susannah Knowles.
Nov. 17. Stephen Tryon of Middletown and Prudence Baley of Haddam.
17. Stephen Smith and Esther Church.

1775

May 25. David Hubbard and Hannah Clarke.
July Abner Tibbels and Elisabeth Knowles.
Nov. 16. Joshua Symons and Helen Stillman.
Dec. 9. Benjamin Pelton of Guilford and Hannah Snow of Haddam.
21. Richard Bonfoye and the Widdow Rebeckah Treadwell.
21. Thomas Daniels of East Haddam and Lydia Kelsy.

1776

Feb. David Arnold and Jerusha Thomas.
Samuel Clark and Susannah Thomas.
May 23. Jesse Brainerd and Mary Thomas.
July Sylvenus Smith and Eunice Baley.
Sept. Porter Brooks and Elisabeth Clarke.
Oct. Henry Thomas and Jemima Baley.
Dec. 5. John Brainerd and Hanah Hubbard.

1777

Jan. 2. John Scovil and Elisabeth Spencer.
Mar. Elias Cone and Ruth Crook.
May 6. Zacheriah Brainerd and Dorothy Thomas.
May David Clarke and Patience Kelley.
June 4. Josiah Brainerd and Abigail Lewis.
Aug. Arnold Hazelton and Mindwell Brainerd.
Sept. 23. Cornelius Higgins Jr and Esther Kelsey.
Oct. 16. Stephen Spencer and Eunice Augur.
Oct. John Smith Jr and Anne Clark of Haddam.

1778

Jan. 8. Samuel Scovil and the Widdow Mary Venters.
Jan. Nathan Chase of Yarmoth and Mary Treadwell of Haddam.
Feb. Joseph Crook and Esther Clarke.
July Cesar Black and Peg Negro.
27. Docr Eleazer Woodruff and Widdow Abigail Spencer.
Nov. 18. Daniel Chapman of East Haddam and Esther Shailor of Haddam.
Dec. Danil Clark and Widow Martha Ray.
Cephas Selden and Martha Brainerd.
30. Elias Spencer and Abigail Sexton.

1779

May 6. Sylvenus Clarke and Dorothy Smith.
19. Thomas Bailey and Ama Kelley.
June 1. Joseph Taylor and Elisabeth Hotchkis.
Aug. Stephen Tibbels and Martha Burr.
Oct. Reuben Buel of Killingworth and the Widdow Anne Porter.
Dec. John Parmely of Killingworth and Dorothy Scovil.

1780

Mar. 2. Charles Williams of East Haddam and Susanah Shailor of Haddam.
Apr. James Treadwell and Mary Spencer.
May 4. Abraham Brooks and Abigail Clarke.
July Frederick Smith and Sarah Brainerd.
Sept. Ebenezer Sage of Middletown and Diana Bailey.
Oct. Eliphalet Clarke and Lydia Thomas.
Nov. James Surtliff and Mehitable Clarke.
William Clarke and Anne Johnson.
Dec. David Thomas and Penelope Bonfoye.

1781

Jan. —— Johnson and Susannah Spencer.
Mar. William Clarke and Christian Baley.
May 1. Eliphalet Lester of Saybrook and Mary Smith of Haddam.
Sept. Joseph Stillman of Weathersfield and Huldah Mahans of Haddam.
Nov. Thomas Shailor Jr and Widdow Ann Brainerd.
Dec. Seth Hand [or Hurd] of Killingworth and Thankfull Ray of Haddam.

1782

Jan. John Hubbard of Middletown and Phebe Brainerd of Haddam.
Mar. John Church and Wid. Dorothy Brainerd.
William Brainerd and Susannah Tyler.
Nov. John Dickinson and Dorothy Scovil.
July Hezekiah Whitmore and Elisabeth Brooks.
June William Bailey Jr and Ruth Thomas.

1783

July John Bailey and Mary Smith.
Aurunah Hubbard and Rebekah Bates.
May David Brooks of Middletown and Lucretia Sears of Haddam.
Oct. Josiah Carey of Middle Haddam and Lydia Clarke.
Nov. Nathaniel Hazelton and Sarah Smith.
Dec. Reuben Cone and Marger Childs.
Abraham Spencer and Sarah Hubbard.
30. Jonathan Russel and Molly Ray.

1784

Jan. Calvin Hubbard and Sarah Knowles.
Mr. Edward Selden and my Daughter Sibbil May.
Feb. John Willcox and Lois Augur.
July Simon Hazelton and Jedidah Smith.
Aug. David Johnson of Middletown and Martha Pelton.
And Calvin Brooks and Temperance Hubbard.
And Walker Knowles and Elisabeth Wells.
Sept. Abraham Tyler Jr and Hannah Stephens.

(*Record of next 12 entries imperfect,—leaf torn.*)

Mr. David Selden and [Cynthia] May.
[Samuel Br]ainerd and Anner Burr.
y and Martha Clarke.
[Joh]n Ventrous and Hannah Ray.
m Johnson Jr and Phebe Burr.
[Ste]phen Bailey Jr and Lydiae Freeman.
m Barns of Middletown and of Haddam.
[Noad]iah Cone and Elisabeth Clarke.
Sylvester Childs and Mary Cone.
[Jona]than Fuller and my Daughter Anne.
Calvin Shailor and Sarah Clarke.

1785

June James Smith and Elisabeth [Shailor].
Nov. Abijah Bailey and Widdow Cone.

1786

Jan. Joseph Arnold and Widdow Prudence Tyler.
Richard Knowles and Hazibah [Bathsheba] Wells.
Nathll Tyler Jr and Widdow Towner.
Apr. James Childs Jr and Prudence Brainerd.
William Nichols and Sarah Shailer.
June Richard Skinner and Martha Bailey.
Oct. Frederick Brainerd and Anne Brainerd.
Dec. Adnah Clarke and Thankfull Bailey.

(Record from 1787 to 1804, defective and irregular; in this transcript the entries are chronologically arranged.)

1787

Jan. Seymor Kelsey and Sarah Augur.
Feb. Joseph Dickinson and Tammy Shailor.
Apr. Levi Ray and Susanah Arnold.
Amos Cook and Jane Bailey.
Aaron C and Sarah Chapman of Haddam.
May James Pe and of Haddam.
Aug. Josiah Prior of and Sussanah Smith of Haddam.
Nov. James Smith and Arnold
Dec. Humphrey Treadwell and Hannah Thomas.
and Timothy Hubbard Jr and Mis [Eunice] Thomas.

1788

Jan. Thomas Bailey and Smith
—— Lane of Killingworth and Elisabeth Porter of Haddam.
Robert Smith and Susannah Kelley.
Apr. Benjamin Johnson and Else Smith.
May David Spencer and Damaris Brainerd.
Sept. Cornelius Higgins Esqr and Widdow Mary Smith.
Dec. James Tyler and Esther Dickinson.

1789

Jan. Curtis Smith and Arsenah Brainerd.
Amasa Pettibone and Mary Augur.

— — James Bates and Mary Ventrus.
— — James Spencer and Mis Clarke the Daughter of Stephen Clarke.
Aug. Benjamin Stocking and Dimmis Shailor.
Oct. Aaron Thomas Jr and Martha Smith.
Nov. Jonathan Hubbard and Sally Thomas.
8. My Son John May and Dolly Arnold.
Dec. James Brooks and Caroline Smith.

1790

Jan. Joseph Augur and Samuel Tylers Daughter and Joseph Tyler Jr and Allice Smith.
Feb. Nathan Tyler Jr to one of Ezra Shailors Daughters. Cap: Edmond Porter and Widdow Mary Smith.
— — James Brainerd and Edetha Hubbard.
— — Ira Shailor and Anne Shailor.
— — Joshua Knowles and Concurrence Porter.
— — Gideon Brainerd Jr and Hepsibah Hubbard.
Oct. Mr. Jesse Townsend of Andover and My Daughter Anne.

1791

Dan Dickinson and Pruda Augur.

1792

Shailer —— and Mis —— Ventres.

1793

Jan. Mr. Sears and Mis Knowles.

1794

Dec. 7. William Wells and Prudence May.

1795

Mar. —— Rich and —— Brooks.
Apr. Eleazer Augur and Abigil Church.
June 7. Huntington May and Clara Brainerd.
Sept. Mr. Williams of Middletown and Clara Shailer.
Russel Shailer and Anne Wells.

1796

Nov. Heber Brainerd and Martha Tyler.

1797

[Simon] Shailor Son of Asa Shailor and Mis [Dolly] Shailor Daughter of Hez. Shailor.
Robert Smith and Sarah Kelly.
Asher Smith and Betsey Bidwell.
Ephraim Sawyer and Jabith Church.
Stephen Dickinson and Susanah Tyler.

1798

Feb. Robert Smith and Sally Kelly.
Mar. Jonathan Tyler and Rachel Porter.
June David Smith and Jerusha Hubbard.
Oct. Joseph [Warren] Clark and Ruae Shailor [year doubtful].

1799

Jan. 13. Col. John Wells of Row and my Daughter Elizabeth May.
Mar. Simon Smith and Huldah Brainerd.

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1804

Sept. 5. Harry Serjeant of Boston to the Wid. Esther Sawyer.
20. Joseph Graves of Middletown to Anne Tyler.
26. James Serjeant of West Springfield, Mass. to Sabry Thomas.
Oct. 11. Ephraim Shaylor to Anna Smith.
Nov. 6. Simon Arnold to Allice Smith.
14. Heman Child to Sally Thomas.
Dec. 21. John Hubbard Junr. of Middletown to Ruth Baily.

1805

Aug. 21. John Buel of Killingworth to Susan Ray.
Do. Benjamin Smith to Mary Crane Heydon.
Sept. 4. Elisha Stevens to Fanny Smith.
Do. Nathan Douglass of Saybrook to Charlotte Tyler.

Nov. 17. Seth Arnold to Submit Baily.
Dec. 18 [?]. Asahel Hubbard to Susannah Thomas.
31. Solomon Walkley Jun. to Susannah Brainard.

1806

Jan. 1. Eli Hall of New Haven to Martha Clarke.
Mar. 6. Elias Bates to Lucinda Wells.
June 1. David Bonfoey to Dolly Brainard.
21. Asahel Wheeler to Lucy Church.
25. Darius Dickinson to Anna Hubbard.
Aug. 14. David Dickinson to Bathsheba Dickinson.
Oct. 6. Parley Dickinson to Clarissa Clarke.
23. Samuel Boardman to Salley Parmalee.
Dec. 25. Robert McClester of Enfield to Nancy Cone.

1807

Jan. 1. Nehemiah Brainard Junr. to Rebecca Brooks.
7. Anson Bristol (of N. Killingworth) to Mary Burr.
Feb. 5. Thomas Church to Sarah Cone.
12. Roswel Doan and Heber Kirtling Ray.
Mar. 14. David Arnold to Sally Smith.
25. Jonathan Burr to Eunice Hubbard.
Aug. 20. Robert Hurd Jun. of E. Haddam to Mary Brainard.
Oct. 15. Aaron Waterhous of Saybrook to Esther Dickinson.
19. David Smith Clarke to Huldah Brainard.
22. Hezekiah Knowles to Anna Smith.
25. Lyman Buel of Killingworth to Hannah Ray.
Nov. 22. Samuel Kelsey to Fanny Bailey.
25. Macksfield Higgins to Wealthy Brooks.
26. Job Hubbard Junr. to Hannah Brooks.
26. Simeon Morgan, Junr of Middletown to Anna Bailey.
Dec. 17. Benjamin Smith to Lydia Burr.
31. Asahel Bonfoey to Jerusha Thomas.

1808

Jan. 19. David Shaylor to Anna Brainard.
19. Samuel Church to Mary C. Smith.
Feb. 3. James Kelsey to Jerusha Brainard.
Apr. 3. Ezra Smith to Eunice Pettibone.
June 4. Lemuel White of Hebron to Emily Brainard.
July 28. Sylvester Hubbard to Clarissa Smith.
Sept. 21. Josiah Arnold to Prudah Smith.
Oct. 2. Ira Shayler, Jun. to Jerusha Arnold.
4. Danll. Merwin to Anna Gladding.

Nov. 3. David Tyler to Dolley Clarke.
5. Samuel Bridgam of Middletown to Charlotte Clarke.
24. Jonathan Huntington, Junr. to Elizabeth L. Comstock of Norwalk.
Dec. 15. Stephen Burr to Cynthia Hubbard.

1809

Jan. 5. David Douglas of Saybrook to Anne Smith.
Feb. 23. Wells Knowles and Esther Gladding.
Mar. 15. Abner Porter and Dolley Scovil.
19. James Treadwell to Polly Clarke.
21. Orren Smith to Rhoda Brainard.
28. Hervey Clarke of Middletown to Betsey Clarke.
May 21. John S. Sage of Middletown to Almira Sherman.
Aug. 3. Caleb Tryon of Middletown to Dolly Smith.
Sept. 7. Henry Nichols of Hartford to Prudence Brainard.
Oct. 22. Zeal Sherman to Charity Tyler.

1810

Mar. 8. Ralph Smith (of Chatham) to Betsey Knowles.
15. Daniel Scovil to Sally Burr.
Do. Do. Sylvester Skinner to Polly Smith.
Apr. 17. James Brooks 2d to Polly Thomas.
May 24. Elisha Clark to Julia Ann Hubbard.
30. Robert Henry of Middletown to Clarissa Bailey.
June 17. Wells Rockwell to Anna Griswold of Middletown.
28. Jeremiah Brainard to Esther Sawyer.
July 8. Warren Ely to Phebe Clarke.
29. William Brainard to Betsey Tyler of New-York.
Aug. 4. Roswell Brainard to Laura Sherman.
Sept. 24. Richard Loveland of Durham to Sally Dunham.
Oct. 3. Samuel Curtis of Durham to Lucretia Brooks.
25. Selden Dickinson to Betsey Child.
28. Nehemiah Dickinson to Julia Saben of Colchester.
Nov. 11. Denice Clarke to Prudence Spencer.
17. Roswell Brockway of Saybrook to Catharine Tyler.
29. George Burr to Esther Spenser.
Do. Do. Samuel Simons of Hebron to Hancy Hubbard.
Dec. 13. Thomas Shayler, Junr. to Abigail Tyler.

1811

Jan. 16. Gideon Andrews to Huldah Shayler.
28. Rufus Tyler to Esther Higgins.
Feb. 7. Stephen Tibbils, Junr. to Hannah Wright of Killingworth.

Apr. 18. Samuel W. Pratt of Saybrook to Elizabeth Brainard.
May 18. Asahel Arnold to Ruth Perry of Chatham.
25. David Hubbard, Junr. to Julia Dickinson.
June 13. Hezekiah Scovil to Hannah Burr.
Aug. 12. Calvin Thomas to Temperance Scovil.
Sept. 8. Enos Bailey to Adah Burrit.
Nov. 6. James Spenser to Soviah Bailey.
Dec. 5. James Dickinson to Charlotte Cone.
14. Jonathan Spenser to Sarah Smith.

1812

Jan. 1. James Tisdale of Hartford to Frances Brainard.
5. Sylvanus Smith to Esther Knowles.
16. Anson Bates to Sabria Ely.
23. Roswell Brainard to Anna Smith.
Feb. 2. George W. Smith to Weltha Child.
10. John Butler of Durham to Hannah Brainard.
19. Daniel C. Dickinson to Christiana Clarke.
23. Reuben Cone to Margaret May.
27. Arza Dickinson to Phebe Crook.
Mar. 12. Ezra Kelsey to Sally Hubbard.
Do. Do. William Bradley of Massachusetts to Rachel Clarke.
Mar. 21. Silas Markham of Middletown to Betsey Brooks.
26. Henry Trowbridge of Chatham to Mary Bailey.
Do. Do. Simon Knowles to Susannah Brainard.
Apr. 9. Riley Smith to Hannah Brooks.
23. Silas Clark to Hannah Higgins.
May 13. Oliver West of Chatham to Abigail Smith.
14. Samuel Cotton of Middletown to Mary Child.
June 13. Joseph Clark 3d to Clarissa Dickinson.
15. Lieut. — Fitch of N. Guilford to Mehitabel Willcox of Killingworth.
Aug. 20. Jacob Brainard to Nabby Bushnell.
Sept. 20. Joseph O. Ackley of East Haddam to Sally Brainard.
Nov. 26. Oliver Smith of Middletown to Sophronia Skinner.
30. Richard Waterhous to Alvira Tyler.
Dec. 17. Samuel Smith to Ann Smith of Bristol.
29. James Smith to Dorothy Sears of Middletown.
31. Hezekiah Sutliff to Fanny Hubbard.

1813

Jan. 27. Amos Ward of — Massachusetts to Sarah Smith.
Mar. 19. William Treat of Middletown to Lydia Brainard.
22. Elias Selden Jun. of Middle Haddam to Clarissa Sears of Middletown.

Apr. 8. Sylvanus Bailey to Sally Bailey.
May 30. Russel Clarke of Chatham to Sally T. Childs.
June 17. Sylvester Scovil to Phebe Burr.
Sept. 11. Richard Skinner Junr. to Lydia Kelsey.
Oct. 8. Jeremiah Gates of E. Haddam to Rebecca Boardman.
Nov. 7. David C. Quinley of Petopaug to Lucretia Hubbard of Middletown.

1814

Feb. 1. James Parmalee Jun. of Durham to Cynthia Clark.
22. Solomon Walkley Jun. to Prudence Hubbard.
Mar. 7. Asa Fowler of Guilford to Polley Willcox of Killingworth.
May 18. Henry Willcox of Killingworth to Hannah Turner.
26. Henry Clarke of Chester to Mary Tyler.
June 23. Stephen Johnson to Lucina Burr.
Oct. 10. Challenge Morgan to Mahetable Prior, both of Middletown.
Nov. 15. Stephen Hull of Durham to Fanny Brooks.
Dec. 12. Smith Hubbard to Anna Bivens of Middletown.
29. Jeremiah Bailey to Maria Bulkley of Durham.

1815

Jan. 1. Calvin Thomas to Ww. Sybbil Smith.
12. Heman Brainerd to Maria Hubbard.
Feb. 2. Henry Williams of Saybrook to Tamzin Smith.
9. George R. Bailey to Silva Lewis.
Mar. 3. Amzi Lee of East-Haddam to Hepzibah Smith.
23. Felix Spencer to Desire Spencer.
Apr. 13. Philander Willard to Eunice Parker both of Chester.
May 3. William Dickinson to Mary Dickinson.
4. Whitmore Crook to Jemima Brainerd.
16. John Smith to Mrs. Cynthia Brainerd.
June 8. Job Brainerd to Mary Clark.
July 6. Levi Southworth of Saybrook to Anna Ackley.
Aug. 28. Bartholomew Bailey to Sally Brainerd of Middletown.
31. Ambrose Arnold to Ww. Mary Bailey.
Do. Do. Asa Higgins to Mary Scovil.
Sept. 3. William Ely to Anna Clark.
30. James Hickox of Durham to Hope Smith.
Oct. 10. Denison Morgan of Hartford to Ursula Brainerd.
26. Thomas Smith to Anna Willcox.
Nov. 27. Joseph Rice Shayler to Ursula Shayler.
30. Lyman Willcox to Emily Hubbard.
Dec. 21. Samuel Spencer of Saybrook to Adah Skinner.

1816

Jan. 24. Noah Clarke to Charity Tyler.
Feb. 1. George Clark to Emily Smith.
24. W [John]. Chatfield Russel to Clarissa Tyler.
25. Diodate Shayler to Elizabeth Rutty.
Mar. 17. Leonard F. Waters of Saybrook to Mary Ray.
Aug. 5. Uriel Andrus to Laura White, both of Coventry.
Sept. 7. Charles Hurlburt of Chatham to Lucinda Bonfoey.
Oct. 14. Wm. C. Mather to Martha Ray.
17. Enos Pring to Almira Allen, the former of Durham (blacks).
28. Wm. Edwards of N. York to Amy Arnold of M. Haddam.
31. James Brainerd 2d to Lydia Knowles.
Nov. 1. John Phillips of N. York and Clarissa Banks of Middletown, blacks.

1817

Jan. 23. Benjamin Bailey to Laurana Tryon of Middletown.
Feb. 5. Horace Bonfoey to Susannah Smith.
Mar. 11. Isaac Loomis of M. Haddam to Hannah Smith.
23. Nathaniel Cooke of M. Haddam to Mary Hazelton.
26. Timothy Tyler to Harriet Smith.
Apr. 24. David Griswold to Polly Lord both of N. Killingth.
May 3. Samuel Tyler to Sabra Clark.
June 12. Alvan Bailey to Julia Smith.
Aug. 4. Benjamin Bradley of Guilford to Fanny Lynde of Chester.
Nov. 26. Hervey Hubbard to Ww. Sally Bailey.
27. David Kelsey, Jun. of Killingworth to Elizabeth Willcox.
Dec. 8. Stephen Bushnel of Lisbon to Amanda Dickinson.
13. Obadiah Dickinson, Jun. to Martha Smith.
30. Alfred Brainerd Jun. to Esther Smith.

1818

Jan. 1. Elon Willcox to Sarah Cunningham of Glastenbury.
Feb. 14. Emera Bailey to Harriet Knowles.
Mar. 1. Sylvester Brainerd to Esther Thomas.
11. Gurdon Walkley to Martha Skinner.
Apr. 5. William Bartlet of Guilford to Temperance Dickinson.
[Oct. 8]. Aaron Brainard and Lucy Smith.
Dec. John Shaler and Betsy Ventress by Esq. Shaler.
7. George S. Brainard and Orpha Clark by Rev. David Selden.

HADDAM CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Record kept by the Rev. John Marsh.

1819

Jan. 4. Isaac R. Sherman of Haddam and Hannah Tyler.
31. Charles Post of Haddam and Sally Bird of New Haven.
Feb. 17. Jonathan Brainard and Lydia Brooks.
25. George Cone and Sophia Tyler.
May 13. David Williams and Nancy Aby—people of colour.
Oct. 21. Jabez Brainard and Ann Smith.
Dec. 1. Oliver Brainard and Esther Smith.

1820

Feb. 17. Elihu Spencer and —— Hubbard.
Aug. 26. Joseph Smith and Abigail Ray.
Oct. 2. James Ray and Hancy Smith.
25. Watson Luther Boardman and Elisabeth Dickinson.
Nov. 9. Ebenezer Wilcox and Maria Smith.

1821

Feb. 3. Roswell Baily and Betsy Collins.
14. Cephas Brainard and Cynthia Spencer.
Mar. — John Knowles and Widow Landfier.
Apr. 12. Edward Rutty and Amy H. Brainard.
Oct. 4. Israel Smith and Hannah Cone.
8. Joseph Arnold and Clarinda Hubbard.
18. Howel Bowers of Chatham and Dolly Smith of Haddam.
Dec. 5. Leonard Towner and Harriet Smith.

1822

Mar. 7. James K. Child and Jane Brainard.
7. William White and Laura Dickinson.
Aug. 22. Benjamin Kelsy and Rebecca Smith.
Sept. 17. Epaphroditus Parmele and Experience Dickinson.
Oct. 3. Rufus Brewster and Eliza Ann Hill, people of color.
11. Davis Kelsy and Philinda Brainard.
Nov. 13. Comfort Cone and Wealthy Ann Brooks.
Dec. 12. Ansel Smith and Sybbil Skinner.

1823

Jan. 29. John Berry and Hannah Hull.
Mar. 6. Freeman Collins and Esther Kelsy.

May 14. Chauncey Skinner and Charlotte D. Hubbard.
Oct. 13. Arnold H. Hayden and Ursula Brainard.
21. Theodore Watrous of Colchester and Hansey Shailer.
Nov. 26. Gideon Gladwin and Diana Brainard.
Dec. 24. Romantha Mack of E. Haddam and Mehitable Knowles.

1824

Feb. 19. Russel Gladwin and Susan Dickinson.
26. Nathanil Griswold of N. Killingworth and Widow Lois Dickinson.
Apr. 21. Daniel Ventress and Mary Ann Dickinson.
21. —— Chapin and Jemima Smith.
July 15. Austin Skinner of Hebron and Almira Skinner.
Sept. 30. George E. Baily and Hannah Dickinson.
Nov. 7. Sylvester Austin of New Durham and Drusilla Brainard.
Dec. 9. —— —— of Kensington and Eliza Gladwin.
18. Phinehas Baily of Middletown and Pamela Skinner.

1825

Jan. 6. Smith Ventress and Clarissa Brainard.
23. Simon Smith of Middletown and Eunice Brainard.
Feb. 1. Chester Hamlin and Eveline Butler.
Mar. 8. Edmund L. Lane of N. Killingworth and Nancy Thomas.
12. William E. Mather and Catharine S. Brooks.
Jan. 18. Benanuel Bonfie and Eliza Burr.
Mar. 27. Leander Baily and Mary Lewis.
Apr. 7. Henry D. Baily and Eliza Johnson.
June 9. Edwin E. Smith and Sophia Gladwin.
12. Ansel Goff and Mary Ann Smith.
Nov. 20. Grove Strong and Harriet Ray.
Dec. 4. David Phelps and Mary Dickinson.
18. James Clark and Lovina T. Baily.
29. Daniel Barker and Julia Brooks.

1826

Mar. 16. Ira Hutchinson and Lucinthia C. Warner.
30. Porter Brooks and Jemima Tibbils.
30. Francis Burroughs and Abby Ann Lord.
Aug. 13. Reuben Bates and Martha Brooks.
Oct. 23. Merrit Miller of Middletown and Eveline Brooks.
Nov. 4. —— [Nathan] Pratt and Orpha Carter.

1827

Feb. 4. Benjamin Merwin and Lucy Clapsattle.
Oct. 3. Cyprian S. Brainard and Florilla Hull.

1828

Jan. 20. Christopher E. Hill and Martha M. Arnold.
Mar. 16. Davis Kelsy and Clarissa May.
May 25. Gustavus V. Wilcox and Huldah Spencer.
Sept. 22. William Selkirk and Mary Elisabeth Dickinson.
25. Eliphalet Smith and Lucinda Burke.
Oct. 14. George Flagg and Dolly Smith.
16. Heber Brainard Jr. and Esther Maria Hubbard.
Nov. 19. Asa Brainard and Almira Linn.
26. Chauncey Rogers and Susannah Baily.

1829

Feb. 22. Gideon Brainard Jr. and Lavinia Smith.
Apr. 6. Harvey E. Brainard and Harriet Williams.
7. Whitmore Ely and Prudence Tyler.
16. Isaac Loveland and Clarissa Cone.
24. David Hill and Delia Smith.
Sept. 29. Solomon Walkly and Eunice Brooks.
30. Chauncey Dickinson and Eliza Davison.
30. DeAntheum Brainard and Sally Maria Dickinson.
30. Amasa Hubbard and Hannah Hubbard.
Oct. 25. Heman Clark and Harriet C. Hayden.
25. Orlando Gladwin and Tamzin S. Church.
25. Ebeneser Brainard and Esther Smith.

1830

Jan. 21. Joseph Clark and Rhoda Swan.
Feb. 14. Henry Ames and Mary Smith Arnold.
May 27. Joseph Smith and Almira Prim.
Sept. 6. Irwin W. Smith and Calistha A. Arnold.

1831

Feb. 13. Edwin Smith and Mary Young.
Aug. 21. Willard Post and Mary Ann Child.
Sept. 19. Aaron Brainard and Fanny Hazelton.
23. Heman Tyler and Harriet Clark.
Oct. 7. Nehemiah Tyler and Marietta Hubbard.
Nov. 16. Roswell Reed and Coroline M. Usher.

1832

July 4. Daniel Merwin and —— [Julia] Spencer.
Oct. 1. George Belden and Sophia Baily.
1. Hiram Brooks and —— —— [Roxanna Blatchley].
Nov. 28. Evelin Hubbard and Mariette Brockway.

1833

Jan. 16. —— [Austin] Lay and Nancy Shayler.
20. Ezekiel S. Clarke and Huldah Smith.
Feb. 5. Selden Usher and —— [Sarah J.] Hubbard.
11. Rowland Chapman and Harriet H. Smith.

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1834

Sept. 14. Alvan Brainard and Miss Clarissa Thomas by Mr. Crocker.
Nov. 27. Anson L. Ayres of E. Haddam to Miss Nancy Dickinson.
Do. Ransom Perkins of Marlborough to Laura Young of Haddam.
Do. Sylvester Clark of Middletown to Lydia Thomas of Haddam.
Nov. 30. John Briggs of Middletown to Lucy E. Brooks.

1835

Mar. 28. Dr. Epaphras Arnold to Miss Rhoda Ann Warner both of Haddam.
Apr. — Epaphras Hubbard to Achsa Dickinson both of Haddam.
May 6. Chauncey S. Bonfoey to Henrietta Hubbard both of Haddam.
Aug. 30. Simon Arnold of Haddam to Lydia Arnold [Brainerd] of Haddam.

1836

Jan. 1. Orson Baily to Rachel Dickinson both of Haddam.
Mar. 31. Stephen Dickinson to Mrs. Jemima Crook both of Haddam.
May 22. Alfred Brainard 2d to Abigail Thomas both of Haddam.

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1837

Jan. 18. Whitney Scovil to Elizabeth Tyler.
29. Milton Brooks of Pennsylvania to Sarah Ann Brainerd.
Feb. 26. Deforest Canfield of Humphreysville to Hannah M. Child.
Mar. 2. Sherman Fowler of Meriden to Prudence Spencer Douglass.
Apr. 19. Benjamin Sage of Middletown (U. H.) to Elizabeth A. Brooks.
May 14. George W. Guy of Middletown to Elizabeth T. Burr.
Sept. 5. John F. Parker of East-Haddam to Emily M. Chittenden.
20. Asher Burr to Maria Skinner.
26. William Arnold to Almira Cole.
Nov. 30. Aaron Brainerd 2d to Elizabeth H. Bailey.
Dec. 10. Waterman Rich of Middle-Haddam to Lucretia Child.
27. Daniel Smith to Ww. Lucinthia Smith.

1838

Jan. 9. Phinehas Edwards of Lyme to Elizabeth Kelsey.
Feb. 8. John H. Knowles to Tamzon M. Clark.
26. Joseph O. Rich of Chatham to Harriet Clark.
28. Gideon Brainerd to Elizabeth Smith.
Jan. 15. Ebenezer Wilcox to Alma Eliza Hubbard.
Mar. 19. Noah Cone to Sarah Crawford.
Apr. 1. Gilbert Hubbard to Emma Brainerd.
25. William Lucas of Durham to Ruth Thomas.
June 28. William Scovil to Phebe Spencer.
Aug. 1. Diodate Smith to Pamalia Brainerd.
Sept. 2. Horace Chase of Winchester to Samantha Dickinson.
6. Silas Smith of Harpersfield, N. Y. to Martha E. Brainerd.
Nov. 4. Daniel S. Dickinson to Sauphronah S. Brainerd.
18. Solomon Walkley Jun. to Phebe Ann Church.
Dec. 13. Isaac Arnold to Mary-Ann Thomas.
30. Luther Sanborn of Meredith, N. H. to Florilla Loomis.

1839

Mar. 7. Charles A. T. Dickinson to Mary Ann Brainerd.
26. William B. Tibballs to Jennet Tyler.
28. Samuel W. Tibbals to Roxanna Hubbard.

Apr. 9. Joseph A. Comstock of Saybrook to Parmelia Freeman.
25. Sylvanus Bailey to Emiline Stevens of N. Guilford.
May 15. J. N. Ashley of Rochester, N. Y. to Elizabeth B. Hubbard.
July 3. William Ely to Abigail E. Tyler.
Oct. 17. Harvey Dickinson to Lydia M. Smith.
Nov. 24. Felix M. Spencer to Jerusha Smith.
Dec. 25. David Wm. Arnold to Mary Ann Cooke.

1840

Jan. 1. Roger W. Newton of Durham to Cynthia Huntington.
Feb. 5. Samuel H. Arnold to Mary L. Dibble.
July 22. Francis Swan of East-Haddam to Aurelia A. Church.
29. William C. Ives of Durham to Caroline Brainerd.
Dec. 2. Cyrus West Field, of New York City, to Mary Bryan Stone of Guilford.
Do. Oscar F. Parker, of Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., candidate for the ministry, to Amelia B. Hazelton.

1841

Mar. 14. Shubal D. Clark of Chester to Ann M. Webb of the same place in the Cong. Church in said Town.
18. Edward Hall of Guilford to Elizabeth M. Fowler of Killingworth in Killingworth.
May 19. Ashbel Tyler to Sophia Dickinson.
26. George Brooks to Abigail Turner.
Nov. 25. Winslys [Willis] North of Middletown to Orpha M. Gladwin.
Dec. 22. Albert Carter of Middletown to Elizabeth H. Burr.
26. Dan P. Lane to Cynthia S. Burr.
30. Ansel Spencer to Rowena P. Smith.

1842

Apr. 8. Amasa Wood of Southbridge, Mass. to Harriet Skinner.
10. Charles Babcock to Maria F. Bonfoey.
12. Theodore D. Hayes to Marinda Smith.
May 15. William E. Darer of Wallingford to Florilla S Brainerd.
17. Luther A. Freeman to Emiline Hubbard of Middletown.
24. Rev. Davis Smith Brainerd to Miss Ann Maria Chadwick at the house of her father, Capt. Daniel Chadwick, in Lyme.
30. Ellsworth Walkley to Euphrasia M. Treadwell.

Sept. 22. Nelson Burr to Rebecca S. Willcox.
Oct. 18. Carlos B. Tyler to Cynthia A. Shaler.
30. Warren W. Dickinson to Esther M. Tyler.
Nov. 2. Charles S. Brainerd to Silva Arnold.
Dec. 4. Levi S. Allen of Wallingford to Philinda Sutliff.

1843

Jan. 16. Calvin Hawley of North Guilford to Maria Ely, widow of Albert Ely.
Feb. 28. William Burr to Elizabeth Brainerd.
May 3. E. Porter Smith to Lydia M. Bailey.
31. Samuel Dickinson to Polly E. Burr.
Aug. 7. Henry Potter of Enfield to Ww. Emmiline E. Hart of Saybrook.
Nov. 29. Nelson T. Wolcott of Hartford to Sarah Kelsey.
Dec. 26. John Wesley Crittenton to Harriet Eliza Pratt of Essex.

1844

Oct. 9. Elihu B. Rodgers of Colchester to Cornelia Brainerd.

DEATHS

Record kept by the Rev. Eleazer May.

1756

July Zebulon Lewis in old age.
Aug. Esther the Daughter of Hez: Clark infant.
Jeremiah of Doctor Cruttenden the Son infant.
James the Son of Wdo Ray a Lad.

1757

Apr. Thankfull the Daughter of Wdo Thankfull Brainerd aged about 16 years.
Mar. an Infant of Elisabeth Homan.
Apr. an Infant Child of Danll Clark.
May Lydia the Daughter of Wdo Thankfull Brainerd aged about 18 years.
June Captain James Welles aged 50 od years.
Sept. an Infant of Elisha Knowles.
Bartholomew the Son of Wido Free Love Brooks aged about Six years.
Oct. Zachariah Son of Heber Brainerd aged two years.

1758

Jan. Thomas Ellis aged about 70 years.
Feb. Richard Skinner aged about 70 years.
Ezekiel Baley One Bonfoye & Simon Cone died in the Army A.D. 1756 or 1757.
Mar. David Clark was unfortunately Drowned Crossing Connecticut River aged about 50 years.
May The Wife of Serj: Wm Porter aged about 54 years.
July A Young Woman at Joseph Seldens aged 13 years.
Sept. Jonathan Arnold in the Army.
Oct. Samll Brainerd in the army.
Capt. Bradfords Wife John Lewis' Child Jabez Baley's Child all Died.
James Brooks aged 18 years died Returning from the army.
John Lewis Lost two Children.

July Lieut. Howland Died being Shot by the enemy over the Lake.
Dec. Samll Clarke Lost an Infant Child.
Cap: Crook died at Sea aged about 60 years.

1759

Apr. Mis: Bates Wife of Jonathan Bates aged about 82 years.
July Solomon Bates of the Small pox aged about 20 years.
Sept. Nehemiah Dinyson in the army aged 20 years.
Nov. Ebenezer Ventrous' Wife aged about 55.
Dec. a Child of Nathan Tyler.

1760

Jan. a Child of Jacob Ely.
Nathll Speneers Son Amos was killed by the falling of a tree aged 11 years.
Apr. Joseph Smiths Child aged about 8 months.

1791

Jan. The Widdow Slade died.
a Child of Elihu Smith died.
The Widow Keley died.
a Child of James Knowles died.

1798

Jan. a Child of Joseph Dickinson Jr died aged four years and Some Months of the Ratles.
Feb. a Child of Cap Dickinson with Convulsion fitts eight months old.
The Wife of Ebenezer Thomas died with a fever in Child baring aged about 30 years.
Mar. Mis Brainerd Widdow of Col Brainerd died aged 85 with the infirmity of old age.

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1804

			Age
Jan.	1.	Judith, wife of John Knowles	41
	28.	Dorothy, wife of John May	31¾
	—	Daniel Spencer	72

DEATHS

			Age
Feb.	10.	Jonathan Burr	48
	—	Ww. Elizabith Bailey	92
	—	Mary Brainerd	abt. 34
Mar.	3.	Edwin, c. of John Child	1
	29.	Lucinda Brainerd	18
Apr.	5.	Ruel Knowles	36
	26.	Ansel, c. of Ansel Shaler	2½
	—	A male infant of Ira Shaler	3 ws.
May	14.	Thankful, c. of Ansel Shaler	7 ms.
June	23.	Eunice, d. of Linus Parmalee	14
July	23.	A male child of David Smith	3 ms.
	25.	Prudence, Prudence, w. of Joseph Arnold	60
Aug.	24.	Shubael Crook	79
Sept.	14.	Anna, c. of James Burr	8 ms.
Oct.	1.	Nathaniel Ray	79
Nov.	4.	A child of Joseph Burr	3 ws.
	10.	Joseph Arnold	64
	12.	Abraham Tyler	71
	—	Ww. Elizabeth Pelton	86
Dec.	18.	Stephen Nelson	14

1805

Jan.	2.	Minerva, daughter of Josiah Stannard	4
	10.	Samuel B., child of Amasa Hubbard	2⅝
Feb.	19.	Clarinda, d. of Benanuel Bonfoey	5
Mar.	7.	Morris, child of Moses Stevens	1¼
	25.	Experience, wife of Nathan Tyler	63
Apr.	15.	Fanny, d. of Joseph Scovil	21
	28.	Ebenezer Thomas	77
May	19.	Asa Hubbard (blind)	66
June	—	—— Burge (a foreigner)	abt. 40
	24.	Ezra Ruttee	33
July	1.	Female infant of Joseph Arnold	1 m.
	11.	James Bates (died in Boston)	39
	15.	Russel Bailey (died in the W. Indies)	26
	16.	Dr. Hezekiah Brainerd	63
	29.	Anna Bates	66
Aug.	8.	Peggy, wife of Asher Clarke	37
	—	Abram, c. of Abram Simons (Indian)	8
	25.	James Child	22
	30.	Mehetaball, wife of James Sutliff	39
Sept.	8.	John Church	48
	11.	Irena Spencer, c. of James Walkley	1
	14.	A daughter of James Burr	7
	21.	Diodate, s. of Ww. Hannah Smith	8
	28.	Abigail, child of David Rich	4
	28.	A male child of Sherman Everest Esq.	
	29.	Benjamin Smith	22

			Age
Oct.	1.	Samuel, c. of Noah Clark	5
	2.	Charles, c. of Richard Johnson	9
	3.	A female infant of Ezekiel Spencer	2 Ds.
	6.	Mary, widow of Charles Smith	63
	7.	Elizabeth, d. of Benjamin Kelsey	6
	8.	Samuel Arnold	59
	13.	Nathan Tyler	67
	—	Mary, d. of Richard Johnson	11
	18.	A female child, twin infant of Ezekl Spencer	2 [17] Ds.
	19.	Deantha, a child of Smith Hubbard	3
	—	Henry Thomas	49
Nov.	4.	Samuel, s. of Samuel Hubbard	11
	6.	Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Dickinson	78
	12.	Benjamin Parmalee	19
	19.	Electa, c. of Samuel Hubbard	14 Ms.
Dec.	2.	Elizabeth, c. of Asa Ruttee	1
	—	Sarah, wife of Roger Thomas	61
	12.	Elice, relict of Francis Clarke	83
	13.	Asa Shaler	69
	22.	Hannah, c. of William Clarke	3

1806

Jan.	27.	Rebecca, wife of Edward Bailey	36
	—	Elijah Brainerd	71
	28.	Isaac Ray	39
	—	Ww. Mary Smith	42
Feb.	6.	Mary Ann, child of James Ramey [or Ranney]	1
Mar.	2.	Frances, wife of Josiah Scovil	72
	15.	William Scovil	62
	—	Two infants, twin sons of Nathanl. Hull	A few Hs.
	16.	Mary Brainerd	22
Apr.	12.	Rebecca, wife of Solomon Walkley	56
	13.	Susannah, daughter of Joseph Spencer	22
	28.	Ww. Thankful Brainard	97
	29.	Richard Johnson	32
	28.	Rachel Tyler, wife of Timothy Tyler	71
May	10.	Gideon Bailey	54
	24.	Zachariah Church	16
	26.	Edwards, a child of Abijah Baily	1
June	25.	Sally, a child of William Brainard	4 ms.
	27.	Martha Thomas (widow)	81
	—	Henry Shaylor, in the West Indies	16
July	18.	Betsey Shaylor (widow)	59
Aug.	28.	William Bailey	74
	29.	Mary Tinker (widow)	75
Sept.	1.	John Clarke (at sea)	42
	12.	Sarah Tibbils, wife of Eber Tibbils	56

			Age
Oct.	5.	An infant son of Jacob Brainard's	One day
	5.	Hannah Brainard (widow)	93
	6.	A male infant of Hiram Dickinson's	A few min.
	21.	A male child of Jabez Spencer	2
Nov.	15.	Jerusha Cole (of West-Chester)	38
Dec.	19.	Joseph Dickinson	70

1807

Jan.	3.	Lucy Ann Mc'Nary	2
	11.	Jerusha, daughter of Richard Skinner	13
Feb.	13.	Cyrus Hambleton, child of Jesse Higgins	4 ds.
	14.	Sarah Scovil.	60
	14.	Deantha, child of Smith Hubbard's	2½
Mar.	1.	Charlotte, daughter of Elisha White	7
	23.	Mary Anne, a child of Daniel Knowles	4 ms.
Apr.	3.	A male child of Jonathan Brooks (still born)	
	7.	David, a child of David Bonfoey	15 das.
	22.	Ruth Knowles	36
	24.	John, an infant son of Sylvester Smith's	1 m. 4 ds.
	29.	Susannah Brainard, wife of Wm. Brainard	42
May	2.	Hezekiah, son of Sylvanus Clarke (at Windsor)	16
	8.	Thomas, child of Amasa Hubbard	9 ms.
	10.	A female child of Nathaniel Rays	a few wks.
June	9.	Nancy, child of Stephen Russel Junr.	4¾
	24.	Timothy Gladding	30
	25.	A male infant of Ebenezer Clarke's	3 hrs.
Aug.	14.	Lister, a child of Russel Shayler	1
	19.	[at Dominico] Hezekiah Clarke	24
Sept.	19.	Mary Smith, wife of Robert Smith	52
	19.	A male child of Ansel Shayler's (still-born)	
Oct.	17.	Rhoda, wife of Danll. Merwin	27
	21.	Sylvanus, child of Abraham Simons	12
	21.	Ephraim Sawyer	67
Nov.	3.	James Brainard	abt. 39
	6.	Esther Sawyer	42
	8.	Dea. Nehemiah Brainard	65
Dec.	30.	A male infant of Eliakim Brainard Jr. (still-born)	

1808

Jan.	6.	A female child of James Gladding	1 day
	14.	A female child of Roswel Doan (still-born)	
	20.	Robert Bradford	77
	27.	Ebenezer Skinner	79
	30.	John Smith	79
Feb.	11.	Samll. Higgins (at Tobago)	34

			Age
Feb.	20.	Edward, child of Simon Hazelton	9 ms.
	21.	Salley, wife of Jonathan Huntington	27
	27.	Lucinda Brainard	24
Mar.	21.	Stephen Dickinson	81
		Elizabeth, widow of Jonathan Cone	73
May	—	Ww. Lydia Ray, relict of Nathaniel Ray	Abt. 73
	15.	Owen, a child of Danll. Brainard Jr.	4
	31.	Ww. Lucy Church	93
June	17.	Ww. Naomi Waterhouse	75
July	9.	John Willcox	76
	18.	James Hubbard	75
	30.	Isaac Auger	88
Aug.	2.	Martha, widow of James Merwin	70
	5.	A female infant of Leman Scofield	Lived less than an hour
	25.	Sarah Williams	97
	28.	George, child of David Dickinson	4
Sept.	13.	A female infant of Ezra Smith's, still-born	
Oct.	3.	A female infant of Timothy Chapman, still-born	
Nov.	2.	Eunice Smith, wife of Ezra Smith	19, 4 ms.
	10.	Jacob Ely	95
	29.	A male infant of Adnah Clarke's	4 or 5 wks.
Dec.	10.	Mirriam Knowles, wife of Danll. Knowles	33
	—	Welman Arnold, son of James Arnold	22

1809

Jan.	11.	Martha, d. of Simeon Dickinson [interlined]	3 w.
Feb.	7.	Rebecca Arnold	65
	16.	A male infant of Danll. Knowles	4 ms.
Mar.	6.	Dea. Silas [Elisha] Cone	99½
	14.	Joseph Smith	83
	17.	Martha, child of Simeon Dickinson [See Jan. 11, above]	3 w. & 3 d.
Apr.	12.	Eunice Spenser, wife of Joseph Spenser	63
	15.	Anne Clarke	32
	18.	Ezra Brainard	26
	16.	A female infant of Joseph Shayler's (still-born)	
May	9.	Sarah, wife of Jeremiah Brainard	72
	11.	Gideon Bailey	87
	15.	Timothy Hubbard	74
		Owen, son of Daniel Brainerd [interlined, see 1808]	5
	21.	Wakeman Brooks	68
July	22.	Benjamen Kelsey	46
	26.	Ww. Elizabeth Bailey	96
Aug.	4.	Nathaniel Tyler Junr.	47
Oct.	17.	Davis Brainard (at St. Bartholomew's)	22
	23.	Josiah Arnold	23
Nov.	5.	Anna Spenser	27

			Age
Dec.	2.	Danll. Brainard Esq.	58
	3.	Danll. Towner	58
	13.	Sally, child of Asa Ruttee's	4
	11.	Martin McNary	80
	17.	Elizabeth Wetmore, wife of N. Wetmore	39

1810

Jan.	14.	Caroline, the wife of James Brooks	41
	24.	Esther Brainard	19
	26.	Jedidah Brainard	22
	27.	Russel Bailey, a child of W. Gladden	1
Feb.	28.	Hannah Arnold	21
Mar.	16.	Ansel Sawyer	32
May	1.	David Brooks, a child of Lydia Knowles	7
	24.	Bezaliel Shayler	74
	28.	Joel Arnold, a child of Jacob Brainards	10 ms.
June	—	A male infant of Smith Hubbards, on day of birth.	
July	21.	Mary, widow of Jeremiah Hubbard	95
Aug.	10.	A female infant of James K. Child (still-born)	
Sept.	—	Male infant of James Burr (lived for a few minutes)	
	5.	Sylvester Smith	38
Oct.	6.	Elijah, a child of Ezra Brainard's	4
	23.	Abigail Smith, wife of Sylvanus Smith	64

1811

Feb.	12.	Richard Walkley	72
	17.	Ww. Hannah Ray, relict of Isaac Ray	86
Mar.	17.	A male twin-infant of Abraham Hubbard, lived a little time.	
	21.	A male infant of Azahel Bonfoey	4 hs.
	26.	Persean, a child of Hiram Dickinson	3. 4ms.
	28.	Asenath Hubbard, the wife of Abraham Hubbard	38
	29.	Sylvanus Smith Junr.	23
Apr.	3.	Lewis Bailey	30+
	14.	A male child of James Brooks 3d (still-born)	
	17.	Margery, wife of Reuben Cone	48
June	13.	Benjamin Sherman	50
	18.	Ww. Anna Hubbard	78
	26.	Charles Tyler, son of David Dickinson	11
July	3.	Cynthia, a child of James Kelsey	1
	6.	Ww. Sarah Bailey	87
	31.	John May, on a passage from Cuba to N. Y.	52
Aug.	20.	Joel Arnold	74
Sept.	3.	A male infant of Simon Shayler's	6 ms.
	22.	Alnora, a child of Edward Bailey	2

			Age
Oct.	19.	Parsa Brainard, wife of Jacob Brainard	28
	28.	Mary Anna, wife of Andrew Southworth	73
Nov.	9.	M. infant of Winsloe Higgins (still-born)	
	27.	Ebenezer Thomas	46

1812

Feb.	22.	Joseph, an infant of Joseph Dickinson's	7 ms.
Mar.	5.	Lucretia, a child of Obadiah Dickinson Jun.	3¾
	5.	Halsey Thomas	15
	25.	Elisha Spenser	76
Apr.	5.	Ww. Margaret Ray	68
	18.	David Arnold	62
	22.	Aaron Clarke	75
May	5.	Ww. Deborah Smith, widow of Stephen	100. 2 ms.
	13.	A female infant of James Clarke's (a twin)	13 Days
	27.	Tamzim, a child of Eliab Smith's	1
July	18.	A male infant of Dennis Clarke's (still-born)	
Aug.	13.	Benjamin Smith, a child of Samll. Church's	1, 7 ms.
	15.	Jonathan Smith Jun.	51
	20.	Ww. Sarah Brainard	79
Sept.	1.	Phebe, a child of Samll. Bailey's	4 +
	15.	Joshua, a son of Oliver Brainard's	22
	24.	A male infant of Cornelius Brainard's	Few hours
	29.	Christiana, wife of Nathaniel Sutliff	83
Oct.	1.	Aaron Bushnel, child of Aaron Dickinson's	1, 6 ms.
	22.	Abram Simons	63
	25.	Beulah, a child of Elizabeth Arnold's	11
Nov.	1.	A male infant of Ansel Shayler's (still-born)	
	12.	Joseph Ray	94
Dec.	5.	Joseph Arnold, Senior	49
		Joseph Brainard	76, 11 ms. +
	12.	Ww. Hazelton	81, 6 ms.

1813

Jan.	5.	Sarah Brainard	64
	7.	A male infant of Joseph Cone Jun.	2 ms.
	12.	Ww. Esther Brainard	95 +
	30.	Nelson, a child of Asahel Wheeler's	1, 10 ms.
Mar.	8.	A male infant of Jonathan Burr's	2 wks.
	13.	James Arnold	60
Apr.	3.	Timothy Tyler	77
May	2.	Brainard, infant of Jared Arnold's	2 wks +
	4.	Edward Fields, a negro man	24
June	1.	Susannah Seofield, daughter of John Seovil	16
	2.	Reuben Cone	57
	3.	Charlotte Child, wife of Samuel Child	27
		Horace Alvan, an infant of David Arnolds	9 ms.

			Age
June	4.	Sally, wife of Smith Hubbard	39
	9.	Smith Clarke Esq.	47
		Esther, wife of Luther Boardman	57
	10.	Temperance, wife of Calvin Thomas	47
		A female babe of Samll. Childs at Northford	1 wk.
	14.	Jacob Bailey	37
	15.	Susannah, wife of Solomon Walkley Jun.	31, 11 ms.
	18.	A male infant of John Ventres Junr.	3 ms.
	20.	Samll. Hubbard	81
	21.	Samll. Bailey	40. 10 ms.
July	1.	Lois, wife of Simon Bailey	23
	25.	Simon Tyler	68, 11 ms.
	26.	Sylvanus Bailey	20, 10 ms.
Aug.	15.	Jemima, a child of the widow of S. Bailey	8
	25.	Betsey, wife of John Smith Jun.	34
	28.	Sophronia Ann, infant of Darius Dickinson	1, 3
	30.	Jonathan, son of Jonathan Cone	13
Sept.	12.	A female infant of John Smith's	2 ms.
Oct.	22.	Thomas Shayler	70, 8 ms.
	25.	Patience, a child of Heman Childs	6
Nov.	5.	A female infant of Jonathan Huntingtons, a few hours.	
	29.	Sylvester Spencer	19
Dec.	4.	Rufus, a child of Rufus Tyler's	8 ms.
	11.	Ww. Martha Brainard	76 +
	12.	Ww. Elizabeth Brainard	63

1814

Jan.	22.	Ww. Sarah Lewis	91
	25.	Sally, wife of Oliver Brainerd	54
	30.	Ww. Naomi Gladding	73
Feb.	12.	David, child of Jonathan Cone's	3, 1 mo.
	18.	Ww. Deborah Walkley	69
	16.	A male infant of Noah P. Burr	3 ms.
Mar.	10.	Aaron, a child of Aaron Dickinson's	1, 6 ms.
	13.	Doratha, wife of Samll. Brooks	82, 6 ms.
Apr.	9.	Richard Knowles	88, 8 ms.
May	14.	Infant daughter of James Clarke	14 Days
June	10.	Widow Lydia Dickinson	72
	15.	Elizabeth, wife of Ambrose Arnold	67, 7 ms.
July	3.	Sylvanus Smith	66
Aug.	10.	Francis Lewis	64. 11 ms.
	19.	Stephen Spencer	61, 3 ms.
		Chauncy B., son of Nathan Wetmore	3
Sept.	4.	George Edgar, child of Linus Parmalee Jun.	1, 7, ms.
		Elisha H., son of E[illegible] Harvey	5
	16.	Deborah, wife of James Cone	82, 8 ms.
Oct.	31.	James Cone	85

			Age
Nov.	10.	Joseph Spencer	72
	30.	Mary Clarke	87
Dec.	1.	Phebe, wife of Whitman Crook	60
	4.	Simon Hazelton	58
	10.	Daniel Scovil	32

1815

Jan.	9.	Jared Arnold, son of Joseph Arnold Sen.	19
	14.	Jemima, wife of Nathaniel Burr	63 +
	17.	Nathaniel Brainerd	73 +
	18.	Dea. Eliakim Brainerd	33, 10 ms.
	21.	Almira, daughter of Josiah Stannard	12
	22.	Artemesia, daughter of " "	3
	30.	William Bailey	53, 11 ms.
Feb.	3.	A male infant of Solomon Walkley Jun.	(Still-born)
	19.	Rachel Brainerd	83
	27.	Sarah, widow of Daniel Scovil	29, 7 ms.
Mar.	12.	Solomon Skinner	40, 10 ms.
	31.	A female infant of Amasa Hubbard's	1 wk.
May	5.	Rufus Tyler (The first buried in the yard at Turkey Hill)	31, 11 ms.
	27.	Lydia, wife of Wm. Ely	58
June	1.	John Bailey	62
	24.	A male infant of Winslow Higgins	2 Days
July	22.	Eliakim Brainerd	55, 11 ms.
	19.	Warren Shayler at New Orleans	29
Aug.	29.	Epaphras, a child of Aaron Dickinson's	1, 7 ms.
Sept.	8.	Arnold Hazelton	74, 7 ms.
	9.	Aaron Dickinson	36, 8 ms.
Oct.	16.	Anna, wife of Sylvester Brainerd Jun.	26
Nov.	2.	A female infant of Ebenezer Skinner's	2 wks.
Dec.	1.	A male infant of Wm. Dickinson, still-born	
	3.	Rufus, a child of the widow of R. Tyler's	1 +
	6.	Temperance Scovil	16 +
	13.	at Sea, Samuel Thomas	21, 10 ms.
	25.	Stephen Johnson, my infant son	5 ms. 14 ds.

1816

Jan.	5.	Mariah, child of Sylvester Skinner's	1, 10 ms.
	14.	Williams Smith, (born Apr. 25, 1720.)	95, 8 ms.
Feb.	10.	Abigail, wife of Wm. Smith	68, 6 ms.
Mar.	15.	Smith Clarke, son of Warren Clarke	15, 11 ms.
	17.	James Hazelton	26, 6 ms.
	18.	Sally, wife of Philemon Scovil	37, 6 ms.
	22.	Samuel Brooks	85, 10 ms.

			Age
Apr.	8.	Samuel Burr	33
	9.	Concurrence Burr, widow of Samuel	25 +
	13.	Ww. Temperance Shayler	83
	20.	Ww. Ann Spencer	88 +
	25.	A female infant of Caleb Brainerd's	1 m.
May	19.	Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Dickinson	47
June	1.	Cynthia, wife of Obadiah Dickinson Jun.	28, 9 ms.
	26.	Mercy, wife of Elias Ely	48
		Deborah Bates	46
	25.	Lyman Buel (drowned off Sandy Light-House)	29
Aug.	18.	Samll. Tyler	82, 11 ms.
	29.	Davis, a child of Sylvester Brainerd 2d	3, 10 ms.
Sept.	9.	Anna, an infant of Sylvester Brainerd 2d.	1
Oct.	15.	Ww. Esther Hazelton	92, 6 ms.
Dec.	31.	Elizabeth wife of John Knowles	30, 8 ms.

1817

Jan.	12.	Maria Melissa, a child of Jonathan Ushers	8 ms.
		Dinah, Ww. of Barzillai Dudley	71
Feb.	3.	Sabra, child of Solomon Skinner's widow	3, 3 ms.
Jan.	20.	Elizabeth, child of Linus Brainerds	2 y 5 w.
	24.	A male infant of Nathaniel Hulls (still-born)	
	27 or 8.	Achsa, a child of Nelson Fords	11, 9 ms.
Feb.	9.	Caleb Bailey	86
	14.	Job Wheeler	72
Mar.	3.	Ww. Hannah Child	77, 3 ms.
	10.	Eli Hubbard	46, 8 ms.
Apr.	16.	Ww. Martha Arnold, (relict of Saml. A.)	98, 2 ms.
May	9.	Michael, child of Joshua Brainerd's	1 y 5 ms.
	31.	Nancy, wife of Jonathan Crook	32
	6.	Two female infants (twins) of Nelson Ford's	not a day
June	8.	Amelia, child of Willard Gladding's	1, 4 ms.
	18.	Benjn. Ray	33
	21.	George Brooks	37
July	18.	Ambrose Arnold	71, 8 ms.
	20.	Elihu Bates	77, 9 ms.
	22.	David Thomas (at U. Houses)	57
Aug.	23.	A male infant of John Turner's, lived a few minutes.	
Sept.	6.	Betsey, wife of Amasa Hubbard	36, 6 ms.
	11.	Eunice, wife of Josiah Pelton, whose death was occasioned by a fall from a waggon at Farminton	47
Oct.	8.	Jemima, infant of Caleb Brainerd's	3 ms.
	10.	Anna, widow of Timothy Towner	81, 9 ms.
	23.	Martin, son of Timothy Shayler	2, 4 ms.

			Age
Oct.	30.	Ww. Jerusha Arnold (relict of David A.)	58
Nov.	24.	Simon Smith hung himself (according to the verdict of the jury in a state of insanity)	42
Dec.	6.	Daniel Gladwin	72
	12.	Charles, child of James Ray	1, 7½ ms.
	15.	Tyler, son of James Ray	10, 8 ms.

1818

Jan.	3.	Esther Ray, daughter of James Ray	16, 3 ms.
	12.	Dinah, relict of Barzillai Dudley [See same date in 1817].	70
	12.	Sarah, wife of Simon Tyler	36, 11 ms.
Feb.	2.	Sarah, relict of Samuel Hubbard	85, 5 ms.
		Christian Arnold, a native of Saxony	77, 4 ms.
	6.	Stephen Clarke	71, 4 ms.
	7.	James Ray	46, 8 ms.
	26.	Elizabeth, wife of Noadiah Cone	57, 3 ms.

NOTE.—For much of the time between April 11, 1818, and April 11, 1837, the record of deaths in this society was very imperfect. The Rev. Mr. Marsh omitted very many deaths among other denominations; and his successor, Mr. Clark, recorded only a part of the deaths. The leaves on which they made their records have been removed, and others inserted on which a fuller record is made, though doubtless the record now is incomplete. DAVID D. FIELD. April 11, 1844.

Apr.	12.	Sarah, widow of Joel Arnold	84
	24.	William Spencer	
May	25.	Hannah, relict of Nathaniel Tyler	53
June	30.	John Ventres	89
Aug.	5.	Rebecca, wife of Jonathan Smith	75
	11.	Aaron Smith Jun.	41
Oct.	11.	Harriet Maria, daughter of Seth Arnold	2
Nov.	29.	Eber Tibballs	67
	30.	Phinehas Doane	75
Dec.	6.	Dolly Chapman	23

1819

Jan.	12.	A female infant of Samuel Child	Trins	1 H.
	14.	Two female infants of Samuel Child		2 Ds.
Mar.	16.	Hannah, wife of Joshua Brooks		79
Apr.	3.	Mary Smith		88
	10.	Mindwell, widow of Arnold Hazelton		71
	13.	David Rich		55
	25.	Deborah, wife of Richard Knowles		
May	13.	Andrew Southworth (near Chester)		86
July	—	Ww. Dolly Smith		
Aug.	7.	Laura, daughter of Silas Gladwin		9⅝

			Age
Aug.	12.	Josiah Pelton	49
Sept.	1.	Hosea, son of Benanuel Bonfoey	6 ms.
	3.	Timothy Chapman	53
	4.	Mary, relict of Cornelius Higgins Esq.	84
	17.	Susannah, widow of John Smith	93
	18.	A child of Asa Mitchell	
	21.	Another child of Asa Mitchell	
	25.	Florilla, daughter of Hazael Smith	17
	26.	Sarah, widow of Dea. Nehemiah Brainerd	78
	—	A coloured child	2
Oct.	5.	Infant son of Horace Arnold	6 Hs.
	15.	Israel Clarke	26
	—	Amos Bailey	79
	—	Nathaniel Sutliff	88
Nov.	27.	Florilla, daughter of David Wilcox	15
Dec.	30.	Augustus Lewis' wife	63

1820

Jan.		Christiana, wife of William Clarke	
Feb.	1.	Samuel Davis, son of Noah Clark	$1\frac{5}{12}$
	—	Eunice, widow of Stephen Spencer	80
	26.	Rachel, widow of Ebenezer Skinner	88
	28.	Martha, wife of	23
Mar.	30.	Infant son of George Cone	
Apr.	4.	Asaneth, daughter of Samuel Lewis	24
	—	The wife of Jeduthan Shaler	
	18.	Ephraim Shaler	38
May	5.	Amos, child of Harris Bailey	4 or 5
	6.	Child of Sylvester Skinner.	
June	3.	Harris Bailey	abt. 45
	14.	Nancy, daughter of Harris Bailey	16
	29.	Anah Maria, child of David Grannis	2
	—	Calvin Hubbard.	
July	24.	Oliver Wells Esq.	75
	29.	Betsey Maria, daughter of Jonah Dickinson	16
Aug.	23.	Sarah Jane, daughter of Davis Smith	6 ms.
	—	Mary, wife of John Heyden	55
	1.	Jonathan, child of Ely Warner Esq.	$1\frac{11}{12}$
Sept.	6.	Clarissa, daughter of Sylvanus Clarke	39
Oct.	3.	John Brainerd	66
	28.	Hezekiah, son of Daniel Brainerd	9
Nov.	19.	Margaret, child of Daniel Brainerd	1
	28.	Amelia, daughter of David Bonfoey	4
	30.	Eliza, daughter of Daniel Brainerd	20
Dec.	1.	William Knowles	89
	7.	Zeruiah, daughter of John Knowles	20
	14.	Male infant of Deacon Jonathan Huntington	10 Hrs.

1821

			Age
Jan.	9.	Henry Towner	29
	15.	John Ely	40
	16.	Martha, wife of Israel Smith	59
	18.	William Knowles	23
Feb.	—	Two children.	
	18.	Infant son of Selden Tyler	9 ms.
Mar.	3.	Julia Ann, child of James Gladwin	5
	11.	Electa Maria, child of Joseph Shaler	5
	—	Ebenezer Skinner.	
Apr.	25.	Abigail, child of Davis Smith	1¼
May	19.	Olive, wife of James Shaler	58
	23.	Ann, widow of John Wilcox	88
	29.	Lucy, widow of Dea. Eliakim Brainerd	84
June	6.	Matilda, daughter of Elias Bates	7
	10.	Prudence, wife of James K. Child	57
	—	An infant child of Jabez Brainerd	6 Hs.
Sept.	3.	Cornelia, daughter of Willard Smith	6½
	26.	Mary Dudley	38
Dec.	30.	Prosper Brainerd	85

1822

Jan.	—	Samuel Woodruff.	
Feb.	14.	Polly, wife of Silas Gladwin	50
Mar.	—	Nancy, daughter of Abram Simons [coloured].	
Apr.	—	Edward, son of Thomas C. Smith	5
May	2.	Job Hubbard	83
	8.	Jeremiah Brainerd	82
	9.	Phinehas, son of Phinehas Brainerd	14
	—	A child of Jacob Brainerd.	
July	22.	Joel Tibballs	37
	30.	Matthew, son of Matthew Hubbard	10 Ds.
	—	Elizabeth Spencer	74
Aug.	3.	Mary, wife of Abishai Smith	67
	21.	Susannah, wife of Nathan Wetmore	35
	22.	A child of —— Frisbie	3
	24.	Samuel Stannard	73
Sept.	9.	David Dickinson	64
	16.	Jared, a child of Elisha Clarke	2⅛
	—	Nancy Eliza, daughter of Silas Clark	1¼
	26.	Abraham Hubbard	52
	28.	Esther Brainerd, widow of Jeremiah Brainerd previously widow of Sawyer	82
Oct.	6.	Edwin, infant of Heman Child	8 ms.
	10.	Sarah, widow of Timothy Hubbard	80
	12.	Susan, daughter of Noadiah Brainerd	10
	22.	Hannah, wife of Comfort Ray	65

			Age
	—	Elizabeth, sister of Amos Bailey.	
Nov.	30.	Sylvester Johnson [First person buried in the Little City yard. The child of Silas Clarke, which died before, was taken up from the Punset yard and buried there]	22
Dec.	17.	Fidelia Dickinson	11

1823

Jan.	7.	David Rich, a son of David Rich	17
	11.	Manilla M., child of Felix Spencer	1
	12.	Joseph Arnold	49
	15.	Hannah, daughter of Joseph Arnold	12
	30.	A male child of Alanson Spencer	5 Ds.
	—	Samuel B. Whitmore	81
	—	Martha, wife of William E. Mather	25
Mar.	18.	Sally, daughter of Ww. Lydia Brooks	18
Apr.	—	Lydia, wife of Sylvanus Brooks	21
May	1.	Dorothy, wife of Sylvanus Clark	63
	6.	Jerusha Parker, daughter of Ww. Eunice Doane, by her first husband	48
June	13.	Jane, infant of Cephas Brainerd	$1\frac{1}{3}$
July	—	Experience, widow of Harris Bailey.	
	27.	Rosetta, wife of Richard McNary	$23\frac{2}{3}$
Aug.	28.	Thomas Barry	59
Sept.	15.	Female infant of Selden Skinner.	
Oct.	2.	Eunice, wife of Aaron Smith	83
	7.	Ann, wife of Selden Huntington	$36\frac{1}{2}$
	10.	Sarah, widow of Timothy Hubbard	$81\frac{5}{12}$
Nov.	15.	Male child of Jonathan Burr	2 Wks.
	21.	George Edwin, son of George Clarke	9 ms.
	30.	Mary Ann, daughter of Jonn. Burr	1 m.
Dec.	2.	Perse, daughter of Jacob Brainerd	7
	28.	Jerusha, wife of James Thomas	73

1824

Jan.	14.	Seth Tinker	abt. 63
Mar.	27.	Abraham Brooks, by falling from a ladder	73
	—	Heman Brainerd	36
	—	—— infant of Moses Tyler.	
Apr.	8.	Deborah, daughter of Jacob Ely deceased	56
May	1.	Israel Thomas	36
	8.	John Smith	78
	9.	Ogden, son of David Shaler	28
	16.	Esther, widow of Job Wheeler	abt. 80
	—	Infant, son of Damon Tibballs	2 Ds.
	20.	William Smith	76
	26.	Lucintha Cone, infant of Dr. A. F. Warner.	

			Age
June	5.	Jane, infant of Cephas Brainerd	5 Wks.
	30.	John Spencer, infant of Saml. Smith	7 ms.
July	1.	Dorothy, wife of Samuel Clarke	91
	15.	Ann, widow of Nathaniel Brainerd	78
Aug.	30.	Eunice, widow of Phinehas Doane	84
Oct.	—	Mary, widow of Prosper Brainerd	81
	8.	Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Cooke	7 Wks.
	—	Israel Brainerd (a mute)	75
	20.	Benjamin, son of Ezra Kelsey	3¾
	30.	Joshua Brooks	82
Nov.	2.	Solomon Walkley	79
	12.	Thomas C. Smith	33
	21.	Mary, daughter of Seth Arnold	16

1825

Feb.	4.	Susannah, wife of Asahel Hubbard	39
	15.	Francis, infant of Mary, Ww. of Israel Thomas	5½
Mar.	26.	Phinehas Brainerd	46
Apr.	11.	Female infant of William Burr	11 Ds.
	29.	Chauncey, infant of Chauncey D. Skinner	1 D.
May	18.	——, daughter of Hurlburt Swan	2 5/12
	—	——, child of John Buel.	
June	23.	Dr. Andrew F. Warner	34
July	13.	Abigail Thomas	63
Aug.	14.	Benanuel Bonfoey	70
	31.	Richard, son of Benanuel Bonfoey	20
Sept.	1.	Susannah, daughter of James Brainerd	1 m.
		Rosette, child of Stephen Burr	1¾
	15.	Curtis Graham	42
	21.	Martha, daughter of Dea. Asa Young	15
	22.	Naomi, wife of Christopher Bailey	61
Oct.	7.	Polly Elizabeth, child of David Burr 2d	2
	10.	Infant daughter of James Brainerd.	
	16.	Male infant of Ruth Clarke	9 Wks.
	—	Female infant of Noadiah Cone	1 D.
	22.	Drusilla Ann, daughter of Comfort Cone	2
	25.	Ann, wife of Shaler Hubbard	70
	29.	Liva, wife of Ansel Brainerd 2d.	
	31.	Miriam, daughter of Gideon Brainerd	33
Nov.	1.	Benjamin, son of Gideon Brainerd	22
	17.	Esther, daughter of Gideon Brainerd	20
	19.	Julia Ann, daughter of Daniel Thomas	2+
	20.	Elizabeth [Lydia?], widow successively of David Smith, William Brainerd & William Bradford, last husband belonging to Middle Haddam	88
	22.	Mehetabel, wife of Jonathan Usher Esq.	47

			Age
Nov.	24.	—— infant of —— Cooke.	
	25.	Aaron Smith	88
	28.	Ezra Brainerd	47
	29.	Sarah, wife of Joseph Scovil	66
Dec.	5.	Edwin Marble, (ran over by a cart; a young man in the family of John Hayden)	19
	7.	Mary, daughter of Charles Bailey	17
	11.	Trial, wife of Asher Clarke	51
	12.	Susannah, wife of James Brainerd	46
	14.	Hepzibah, wife of Gideon Brainerd.	
	16.	Catharine, sister of Dea. David Hubbard	81
	17.	Thomas Skinner	54
	25.	Orren Shaler	56
	—	Abigail, wife of Nathaniel Bailey	57

1826

Jan.	—	Elizabeth widow of Samuel Arnold	77
	23.	Seth Arnold	42
	24.	Henry Smith, son of Benjn. Kelsey	2½
Feb.	6.	Judith, widow of Aaron Clarke	75
	25.	—— infant of Asa Youngs.	
	28.	Andrew W. son of James Brooks 2d	23
Mar.	1.	Philo Clarke, son of Noah Clarke	16
	2.	Jane, wife of James K. Child	58
	—	Charles Brainerd	79
	25.	Abigail, wife of Reuben Bates	58
	29.	Martha, wife of James Clarke	74
Apr.	2.	Sally, daughter of Silas Gladwin	19
	10.	Rachel, wife of Elisha Harvey	49
	16.	Susannah, widow of Asa Shaler	90
	22.	Ann, widow of Oliver Wells Esq.	83
May	2.	William Brainerd	64
	17.	Samuel Child	39
	—	Sarah Clarke, sister of Joseph Clarke of Tylerville	70
	28.	Joan, daughter of Joseph Cone	5
	31.	Nathaniel Hazelton	69
June	2.	Reuben Bailey	71
	5.	Dea. Fiske Brainerd	43
	7.	Ann, wife of Daniel Merwin	45
July	4.	Mary Lucina, child of Saml. Smith	7
	15.	Caroline, child of Ezra Kelsey (drowned)	1
	26.	Pelatiah, son of Pelatiah	26
	28.	Philo Ives, son of Noah & Charity Clarke	16
Aug.	4.	Andrew Dickinson, son of ——	16
	10.	Nelson, son of Richard Skinner	18
	11.	James Curtis, son of Simon Hazelton	1
	23.	Infant of Davis Smith.	

			Age
Sept.	4.	Samuel Hubbard	65
	5.	Jared, son of Noadiah Brainerd	19
	6.	Deborah, wife of Amasa Hubbard	34
	20.	Charlotte, daughter of Samuel Child	9
	2.	Martha G., daughter of Davis Smith	2 1/2
	28.	James Shaler	62
Oct.	—	Polly, daughter of David Burr	2
	26.	Mary, wife of David Phelps (Died at Chester)	26
	—	Mehetabal, daughter of John Warner	18
Nov.	24.	Lucy, widow of Elijah Brainerd	87
Dec.	7.	Thomas H., son of Thomas Skinner	30
	21.	Mary S., daughter of James Brainerd	17
	—	Henry D., son of Jabez Bailey	24
	24.	Ruhamah, wife of Didymus Johnson	58
	26.	Zechariah Brainerd	85

1827

Jan.	29.	Elizabeth, widow of Stephen Johnson	90
	30.	Silas Cone	78
Feb.	9.	Whitmore Crook (ran over by a loaded sled)	74
	24.	Sally Tryon (at Gurdon Walkley's, native of Ver.)	22
Mar.	4.	Israel Comstock (the year doubtful)	74
	14.	James Clark	76
Apr.	27.	Noah Clark	63
May	28.	Susannah Hubbard, sister of Dea. D. Hubbard	90
June	28.	George Kelsey	68
	—	Elizabeth, widow of Abner Tibballs	87
July	2.	Philinda, wife of Davis Kelsey	24
	3.	Antoinette, daughter of George Cone	4 ms.
	26.	Mary, wife of Charles Bailey	46
	29.	Mary Ann, daughter of Noah & Charity Clark	2
Aug.	11.	Ann, wife of John Smith (of a cancer)	72
Sept.	2.	Obadiah Dickinson	74
	—	William Landfear	20
Oct.	5.	George Lord	63
Nov.	—	Infant daughter of Alvan Brainerd	3 Hs.
	17.	Henry Smith	42
	21.	Roswel Bailey (perhaps his death was in 1826)	21
Dec.	7.	Noah Cone	87

1828

Jan.	1.	Octava Cecilia, child of David C. Hubbard	1
	18.	Martha, wife of Nathaniel Burr 2d (The first buried in the Burr Grave Yard.)	50
Feb.	17.	Ursula, wife of Alanson Spencer	38
	19.	A coloured boy.	

			Age
Feb.	23.	George B., son of Benjamin Smith (poisoned by corrosive sublimate)	19
	27.	Jane, widow of Daniel Clark	47
Mar.	1.	Jonah Dickinson	52
	7.	Lucinda, wife of Richard Southworth, a daughter of Elias Ely	30
	—	Anna, wife of Russell Shaler.	
Apr.	20.	Shaler, son of James Brainerd	21
	28.	Mary Ann, child of Asa Burr	10 ms.
May	20.	Jonathan Randall	83
	31.	Elizur Spencer (the first in Punset G. Yard)	73
June	9.	Mary Susan, child of Hezekiah Brainerd	14 ms.
	29.	Martha, widow of Stephen Clarke	83
Aug.	14.	Andrew, son of John Dickinson	16
Sept.	24.	Elias Spencer	78
	25.	Abigail, widow of Charles Brooks	86
	30.	Hannah, wife of Hezekiah Shaler	78
	—	Elizabeth, widow of John Ely	48
Oct.	25.	David B., son of David B. Ventres	1
	27.	Gideon, son of Elias Gladwin	27½
Nov.	—	Infant daughter of Alvan Bailey	1 D.
	6.	Amelia, child of David B. Ventres	2⅔
Dec.	1.	Henry, child of Davis Smith	1
	4.	Prudence, wife of Solomon Walkley	54
	26.	Leonidas, infant of Cephas Brainerd	7 ms.
	27.	Ww. Sarah Picket, before Ww. Seers, (drowned)	88

1829

Jan.		Samuel Clarke	96
	—	Catharine, sister of Joseph Scovil.	
	29.	Infant son of Isaac Loomis	1 H.
	—	Laura, daughter of Selden Bailey	1¾
Apr.	20.	Elizabeth Cone.	
	25.	Male child of Romantha Mack	7 Wks.
	28.	Mary Ann, child of Asa Burr	10 ms.
	30.	Epaphroditus Parmalee	34
June	14.	Sarah, widow of Thomas Hubbard	77
July	11.	Fisk Shaler (by explosion in the Quarries)	31
	18.	Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Tyler	20½
Aug.	15.	A —— child of Moses Tyler	2
Sept.	14.	Luther Boardman	79
	—	Edward, infant of Dr. Christopher Hill	10 Wks.
	—	A coloured woman.	
Oct.	24.	Asa Ruttee	61
Dec.	17.	Ezra Shaler	91
	27.	Daniel Chapman Knowles	25
	29.	Martha, widow of George Smith	91

			Age
Dec.	31.	George L. child of James Clarke Jun.	11 ms.
	—	Asa Clarke, is supposed to have died this year while at sea	[45]

1830

Jan.	8.	Hannah, widow of Elihu Bates	89
	12.	Hannah, wife of Archelaus Tyler	50
Feb.	9.	Giles Brainerd	76
	13.	Catharine S. daughter of Noah Clark	17
Mar.	11.	Frederic Smith, son of Isaac Loomis	12
	17.	Israel Comstock, father of Mrs. Jonn. Usher	
	20.	John B. child of Jonathan Arnold	5
	24.	Hezekiah Spencer (long deranged)	58
Apr.	—	Mary M., child of Asa Burr	10 or 11 ms.
	11.	Simon Addison, child of Simon Hazelton	2
	18.	Ephraim Shaler	38
May	20.	Cec[i]lla Octava, infant of David C. Hubbard	6 ms.
	21.	Maria, wife of Ira H. Payne	24
June	7.	David Clark	40
	—	Joseph, son of Hez. Scovil, drowned	4
	14.	Noah Cone	88
	29.	Susannah, widow of Bezaliel Shaler	81
	—	Adonijah, son of Diodate Shaler	17 ms.
Aug.	—	Joseph Brainerd	abt. 70
	9.	Anna, widow of Samuel B. Wetmore	84
Sept.	16.	Heman Child.	
Oct.	1.	John Hayden	66
	13.	Lester, son of David Shaler	24
	17.	Elizabeth, D. of Saml. Child deceased	18
	19.	Rebecca, widow of Jonathan Kelley	94
	20.	Carlos, child of Jeremey Bailey	7 ms.
	27.	Leonidas, child of Cephas Brainerd	9 ms.
Nov.	3.	Anna, wife of David Shaler	47
	23.	Lucretia, wife of Asa Shaler	22
Dec.	16.	Edward, child of Dr. Christopher Hill	10 ms.
	17.	Lovisa Maria, child of Deantheun Brainerd	1 m.

1831

Jan.	17.	A —— child of Ebenezer Wilcox	
	29.	Maria, child of Charlotte Griffin	3
Feb.	9.	Lucy, wife of Aaron Brainerd	50
Mar.	5.	Ann Lovinia, child of Edward Ruttee	2
	10.	Anna, wife of Silas Gladwin, previously widow of Thomas Barry	50
	22.	Ann, child of Edward Ruttee	4½
	—	Jesse Tinker	72
Apr.	1.	Elizabeth, daughter of Noah Cone	64

			Age
May	21.	Maria Tyler, wife of Ira H. Payne [Error, see 1830]	24
	29.	Joseph Clarke	78
June	23.	Reuben, son of Ezra Ray	3 5/6
Aug.	5.	Ezra Ray	43
	14.	Alanson, son of Ezra Ray	21
Sept.	5.	Susanna, widow of Levi Ray	65
	10.	Robert, child of Eliphalet Smith	11 ms.
	18.	Joseph C, son of Joseph S. Hubbard	2½
	26.	Selden Bailey, child of Asa Brainerd.	
Oct.	14.	Lydia, wife of Constant Webb, previously widow successively of Gideon Bailey, Eber Tibballs & Josiah Pelton	77
Nov.	7.	Jonathan Smith [Error, see 1834]	88
	22.	Elizabeth A. daughter of Horace Arnold	13
	24.	Mary R. daughter of Hoel Bowers	3 ms.
Dec.	1.	Arnold, son of Seth Wetmore (drowned)	10½
	16.	Edmund P. son of Daniel Merwin	19

1832

Jan.	6.	Ursula, child of Jonathan Arnold	2 Wks.
	9.	Daniel Burr	40
Feb.	7.	Aurelius, son of Zabud Bailey	10 ms.
Mar.	1.	Jared Shaler, child of Simon Hazelton	8 ms.
	2.	Jonathan Huntington	91
	10.	Shaler Hubbard	83
	—	Julia, wife of Didymus Johnson	32
	13.	Hannah, wife of Dea. David Hubbard	75
	16.	George Spencer	49
	19.	Aurelia R. child of Joseph S. Hubbard	6 ms.
	23.	Tamzon, wife of Daniel Smith	75
	30.	Daniel Smith	75
	31.	Jerusha A, infant of George Cone	3 Wks.
Apr.	5.	Darius Hervey, infant of Darius Dickinson	5 ms.
	21.	Cynthia, child of Hezekiah Scovil	8
	—	Mary, wife of Eliakim Bailey	73
May	11.	Ralph, child of Arnold H. Hayden	3 ms.
	22.	Lucy W., wife of Ezekiel S. Clark	30
June	10.	Clarissa, daughter of Chatfield Russel	13⅔
July	18.	Elias Ely	62
	19.	Infant son of Dudley Clarke	2 Ds.
	25.	James Porter, child of James Brainerd	2
Aug.	4.	Esther, wife of Simeon Hubbard	51
Sept.	24.	Henry Catlin, child of Nathan T. Dickinson	14 ms.
Oct.	1.	Didymus Johnson	65
Nov.	8.	Esther, wife of Stephen Smith [See 1833]	80
	11.	Hetta A., daughter of John Crawford	16
	26.	John H son of John Crawford	1½

1833

			Age
Jan.	6.	Ursula, child of Jonathan Arnold	2
	9.	Susan, daughter of Hezekiah Brainerd	14 ms.
Feb.	6.	Infant son of Ira H. Payne	3 Wks.
	8.	Maxanilla, daughter of Nathan Tyler	27
	15.	John Scovil	76
	21.	Abbey, daughter of William Brainerd	38
	28.	Nathaniel Bailey (killed by a falling limb).	
Mar.	4.	Sally Maria, child of William Emmons	9 Wks.
	8.	George W., child of Howel Bowers	4 ms.
	10.	Female infant of Daniel P. Lane	5 Wks.
	16.	Infant son of Alvan Bailey	18 Ds.
Apr.	6.	Benjamin Burr	86
	16.	Elizabeth Ann, wife of John May	33
May	3.	William Burr	40
	4.	Ezra Ray	43
June	7.	John Burr (ran over by a cart wheel & killed)	53
	10.	Elizabeth, daughter of John C. Russel	14
July	13.	John, son of David Church	4
	—	Male infant of Asa Burr	2 or 3 Wks.
Aug.	10.	Susan S. child of James Brainerd	2
	26.	Marilla, daughter of Elihu Spencer	3 ms.
Sept.	8.	Jemima, daughter of Israel Thomas	21
	14.	Maria Brainerd, daughter of Elisha Clark	9¾
	19.	Elijah, son of Ezra Brainerd deceased	21½
	27.	William Henry, son of Timothy Shaler	27
Oct.	5.	Nathaniel Burr 2d	54
	10.	Minerva, daughter of Orren Pardee	1⅔
	12.	Orren Pardee	33
Nov.	8.	Esther, wife of Stephen Smith	80
	—	Andrew C., child of Alexander C. Hall	2
	20.	Wells Shaler	47
Dec.	8.	Elizabeth [Bethia], wife of Samuel Tyler	36
	13.	Elihu [Elias] Bates	60

1834

Jan.	2.	Mehetabal, wife of Peter Ray	87
	8.	Leander, child of Heber Brainerd 2d	4
Feb.	2.	Peter Ray.	
	12.	Elisha White Jun.	24
	14.	[?] Mary, widow of Augustus Lewis	82
	—	Israel Smith	71
Mar.	6.	Sarah, 2d wife of James Sutliff	68
	17.	Susannah, widow of Obadiah Dickinson	79
	24.	Noah Clark	42
Apr.	8.	Daniel, child of Dudley Clarke	8 ms.
	16.	Stephen Smith	85

			Age
May	3.	John Smith	79
	6.	David Smith	66
	—	Haus Higgins	82
	12	[Mar. 13?]. Hezekiah, child of George S. Brainerd	6 ms.
	—	Betsey, wife of Alvan Brainerd	44
	—	Emory Hubbard	23 or 24
	17.	Oliver Brainerd	76
	31.	Elisha White	73
June	2.	Orret Lovisha, child of Edwin A. Smith	4
	9.	Jonathan Burr	52
	30.	Diodate Shaler	42
July	3.	Livinia E. child of James Clarke Jun.	10 ms.
	12.	Sarah Elizabeth, child of Alvan Brainerd	3
	14.	Mehetabal, widow of Zechariah Brainerd	89
	22.	Male child of Ebenezer Wilcox	3 Wks.
	—	Gustavus, child of Hezekiah Child	14 ms.
	25.	Charlotte Ann, daughter of Ezekiel Shaler	22
Sept.	3.	Mary, wife of Joseph Burr	83
	8.	Henry Marwin, son of Zabud Bailey	19
	10.	Hervey Eldridge, son of Hervey Brainerd	4
	18.	Harriet Brainerd (from Moromos)	35
	22.	Hannah, widow of Amos Bailey.	
Oct.	3.	Julia, daughter of David Dickinson	23
Nov.	—	Anson Bristol	58
	7.	Jonathan Smith	88
	20.	Amasa Hubbard, son of Jonathan Burr	14¾
	—	Sarah Ann, daughter of Dr. Ira Hutchinson	3 Ds.
	22.	Damaris, wife of David Spencer	67
	26.	Lucinda, widow of Haus Higgins	80
Dec.	6.	Hezekiah Shaler	87
	12.	Female infant of Daniel C. Emmons	5 Wks.
	23.	Molly, widow of Elihu [?] Bates	73

1835

Jan.	6 or 7.	John Whitmore, child of Whitmore Ely	6
	8.	George Flagg	35
	10.	Asher Clark	69
	16.	Zillah, widow of Benjamin Kelsey	70
Feb.	12.	George M., child of James Clarke Jun	4
	16.	Hannah, child of Eliphalet Smith	11 ms.
	17.	Zeruiah, widow of Reuben Bailey	75
	23.	Emiline, child of Joseph Clarke	2½
	—	Roswell Bailey.	
Mar.	5.	Charlotte Griffin, daughter of Betsey Clarke	40
	—	John Cone	35
—	—	Roxanna, wife of Coleman Clarke	
Mar.	17.	Josiah P. son of Coleman Clarke	10¾

			Age
Mar.	13.	John Austin, son of George S. Brainerd	7
	—	Diana, wife of Gideon Gladwin	35
	20.	A male infant of David Hill	2 Wks.
	23.	Thankful, widow of Job Hubbard	90
	31.	James Sutliff	76
Apr.	9.	Thomas Church	87
	19.	Luzerne Foote, son of Dudley Clarke	5
	20.	Mary Cone	83
	22.	Hannah, widow of John Lane	66
	—	Jerusha, widow of —— Buel, before of Samuel Burr	93½
	27.	Abigail, widow of Samuel Tyler	90
May	6.	Irena [Lucy], widow of Simon Tyler	[86] 80
	7.	Wilson, son of Joseph S. Hubbard	11 ms.
	14.	Rachel B. D. of James Treadwell (by small pox at N. Haven)	16½
	—	Sarah, widow of Calvin Hubbard.	
June	2.	Harriet, wife of Timothy Tyler	37
	—	Anna, daughter of Jonathan Crook	18
	7.	Sarah Jane, infant of Jeremy Bailey	11 ms.
	9.	Simon Bailey of small pox	46
	15.	Elizabeth, widow of William Brainerd	56
July	2.	Byron, child of Dudley Clarke	4½
	4.	Martha, wife of Stephen Tibbals Esq.	76
	7.	Dorcas, widow of Samuel Lewis	84
	—	Dolly Ann, daughter of Ebenezer Brainerd	3
	10.	Nancy, child of Diodate Smith	1
Aug.	9.	Flora, daughter of Pelatiah Clark	20
	28.	Fanny, wife of Hezekiah Sutliff	50
Sept.	1.	Huldah, widow of Silas Cone	73
	3.	Esther, wife of Alfred Brainerd	40
	15.	Sylvester, son of Samuel Child deceased	20
	18.	Fanny, wife of Capt. Daniel Brainerd	56
Oct.	1.	Didymus Johnson	65
	5.	Theodore W. son of Russel Gladwin	3
	17.	William, son of George Cone	2
	19.	Susanna, wife of Stephen Dickinson	62
	20.	Ralph Kirk, child of Arnold H. Hazelton [Hayden]	2
Nov.	7.	John, son of Jonathan Arnold	4
	11.	Margaret, wife of Giles Brainerd	69
Dec.	13.	Jeremiah Brown	35
	—	Gideon Brainerd	80
	16.	Elihu Spencer	42
	18.	Ezra, infant of Griffith Jones	9 ms.
	19.	Lavinia, wife of Gideon Brainerd	27

1836

			Age
Jan.	20.	Jennet, wife of David B. Ventres	39
	—	Leander, child of Heber Brainerd 2d	4
	31.	Mercy, wife of Jabez Bailey.	
Feb.	7.	Roxanna Redfield, wife of Hiram Brooks	29
Mar.	9.	Lydia, wife of Walker Knowles	77
	22.	Cynthia, wife of Bela Burr	35
	31.	Hannah, wife of Nathaniel Burr	64
Apr.	5.	Maria, wife of Ebenezer Wilcox	30
	10.	Eunice, daughter of Joseph Spencer	24
May	14.	Louisa Josephine, child of Atwood Spencer	2
	24.	John Knowles	73
	—	Jedidah, daughter of Simon Hazelton	44
June	5.	Daniel, son of Daniel Brainerd at Mendon, N. Carolina	27
	9.	Sylvester Ezra, son of Sylvester Brainerd	21
July	11.	Sarah Jane, child of Heman Tyler	1½
	28.	Adah Jane, daughter of Enos Bailey	5
	30.	Eliphalet Smith	37
Aug.	9.	Mercy B, child of Jesse Smith	3 ms.
Sept.	4.	Jane Augusta, child of Russel B. Skinner	2½
	—	Nathaniel Burr	84
	30.	Nancy, wife of Diodate Smith	23
Oct.	18.	Hannah Lane	39
	19.	Prudence, widow of Abram Simons, (Indian)	abt. 80
	—	Phinehas B, son of Linus Brainerd	17
	29.	Daniel Merwin	57
Nov.	9.	Daniel Spencer	84
	24.	Dea. David Hubbard	87
Dec.	1.	Clarissa, wife of William Cone	49
	24.	Richard Skinner 2d	48
	27.	Mary Olmsted, widow of Wm. Spencer	73
	28.	Esther, widow of Cornelius Higgins	85

1837

Jan.	6.	Lydia, wife of Jonathan Burr, sen.	77
	13.	Stephen Burr	53
	17.	Sarah M, daughter of Nathaniel Hull	20
Feb.	25.	Lovisa Bates.	
	27.	Jesse Smith	38
Mar.	1.	Jonathan A, son of Joseph S. Hubbard	10 ms.
	5.	Margaret, wife of Joseph Brainerd	48
	21.	Stephen, infant of Enos Smith	4 Wks.
	22.	James K. Child	73
	28.	Ann E, child of Bailey Marble	5 Wks.

			Age
Mar.	30.	Fanny E, child of Nathan Smith	13 ms.
	29.	Huldah, wife of Joseph Burr	53
	31.	Charlotte, wife of Timothy Jackson (nigra)	50

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Apr.	13.	Arnold Ray	44
	17.	Eliezer Bailey	67
May	13.	Esther Simons (Indian woman, burnt to death)	35
June	21.	Willard Gladwin	54
July	6.	Hannah, widow of Capt. Daniel Ventres	89
	8.	Jonathan Brainerd	85
Aug.	1.	Hannah Francis, child of Dea. Russel Shailer	4 ms.
	16.	Hannah, wife of James Brooks	53
	20.	Mary Eveline, wife of Chauncey Crook	22
	29.	Davis, son of Lyman Burr	8
Sept.	16.	Hannah Eliza d. of Isaac Loomis	7 ms.
	—	Female infant of Aaron L. Ayres	3 Ws.
	23.	Robert Williams, child of David B. Cooke.	
Oct.	3.	Amelia Ann, child of Allen Way (nigra)	3 Wks.
	14.	Hannah, d. of John Lane deceased	39
	25.	James Spencer	50
	—	Huldah, widow of Linus Brainerd	45
Nov.	18.	Joseph Dickinson	73
Dec.	1.	Sarah Ann, daughter of Simon Hazelton	13
	2.	William Lester, child of Lester Arnold	3½
	23.	Whitney Scovil	24
	—	Samuel, son of Ira H. Payne (drowned)	9½
	24.	Dolly, widow of Eli Hubbard	59

1838

Jan.	1.	Abigail, widow of Abraham Brooks	79
	2.	A female infant of Sylvanus Brooks	10 D.
	11.	Elijah Williams	45
Feb.	13.	Heman, son of Heman Clarke	7
	18.	James Brooks 2d	54
	20.	Stephen Tibballs Esq.	79
	22.	John Ogden Hubbard	25
	—	A —— child of Alvan Bailey.	
Mar.	3.	Lydia, wife of Ephraim Crook	77
	—	Amua Burr, daughter of the late Jonathan Burr	20
—	—	Orpha Burr daughter of the late Jonathan Burr	5
	16.	Daniel Chapman, son of the late Daniel Chapman Knowles	7
Apr.	6.	William Ely	85

			Age
Apr.	30.	Lucy Ann, child of Geo. S. Brainerd	5 ms.
May	1 or 2.	Louisa, wife of Theodore Dwight Hayes	33
	4.	Rebecca Walkley	69
	16.	Abigail Bailey	18
	17.	Ansel Warner	37
	19.	George Burr	50
	28.	Bathsheba, daughter of David Dickinson	20
June	7.	A male infant of Asher Burr	3 D.
July	1.	Lucina, wife of Stephen Johnson	42
	12.	Nathan Smith	44
	31.	Prudence, child of Nathan Dickinson	1½ m.
Aug.	26.	Firman Eldridge, child of Evelin Hubbard	3
Sept.	5.	Orren Ray, son of late Ezra Ray, drowned in Connecticut river	17
	16.	Susan Parmer, child of Enos Smith	4
	16 or 17.	Sarah Sutliff	84
	19.	Cynthia Ann Niles, daughter of Ww. Margaret Niles	19
	30.	Damon Andrews	36
Oct.	1.	Laura Lovisa, child of Hezekiah Scovil	3
	2.	Susannah, child of Chauncey Whitmore	6 W.
	18.	Mary, widow of Daniel Smith (Nigra)	50
	19.	Cornelius Brainerd	77
	30.	Aaron Skinner	72
	31.	Eliakim Bailey	81
Nov.	5.	Edward, child of Aaron Skinner	19 ms.
	7.	Oliver Smith, child of Alfred Brainerd	3
	19.	Levi Burr (at Cincinnati)	22
	19.	John W., child of Whitmore Ely	3
Dec.	25.	Chauncey, child of Chauncey Dickinson	5
	26.	Arsula, wife of Jonathan Arnold	34
	14.	Lauraette, child of Levi Ray	3½
	—	Female infant of Gideon Bailey	2 H.

1839

Jan.	14.	Daniel, infant of Eliezer Bailey	9 ms.
	20.	Elizabeth Brainerd	77
Feb.	4.	Catharine Cordelia, infant of Abner B. Hinckley	7 ms.
	16.	Elizabeth, widow of Benjamin Burr	89 5/6
	21.	Julia, child of John Crook	2
	24.	Jonathan Clarke	63
	27.	Aurelia Isadore, child of Arza Dickinson	3
Mar.	1.	Joseph Scovil Esq.	81½
	9.	Martin Luther, child of Isaac Loomis	4 Wks.
	20.	Noah Smith	53
	24.	Orlando, child of Joseph C. Hubbard	11 ms.
	27.	Rhoda, child of Ww. Emiline Andrews	2 2/3

			Age
Apr.	2.	Male infant of Russel Bailey	6 W.
May	2.	Philo I. son of Joseph Rice Shailer (drowned)	17
	7.	Wm. Perry (Niger)	39
	—	Male-infant of Alvan Bailey	1 d.
	25.	Joseph Burr	90
June	8.	Eliza L. wife of Eliezer Bailey	34
Aug.	1.	David Church (drowned)	46
	12.	Dea. James Walkley	66 $\frac{2}{3}$
	26.	Joseph Dudley	63
Sept.	7.	Laura, wife of Benjamin Bailey	41
	8.	Wells Seovil	26 $\frac{1}{12}$
	30.	Huldah, wife of Bezaliel Shailer	70
		Jared Burr, murdered in Chester	24
Oct.	6.	Giles Brainerd	41 $\frac{11}{12}$
	18.	Female infant of Waterman Rich	2 ds.
Nov.	5.	William Brainerd	33 $\frac{5}{6}$
	—	Lavina, wife of Didymus Johnson	38
	17.	Desire, widow of Elizur Spencer	81
	—	Ann Eliza, infant of Nathan D. Burr	3 W.
Dec.	19.	Male infant of Gideon Bailey	2 or 3 d.
	26.	Jonathan Usher Esq.	69

1840

Jan.	16.	Betsey Seovil, D. of Hez. Seovil Esq.	22
Feb.	19.	Huldah Maria, wife of Jehoshaphat Gladwin	39
	29.	Whitmore Ely	36
Mar.	7.	Albert Ely	27
	13.	Capt. Ansel Brainerd	76
	27.	Lovisa Tincker	72
	31.	Esther Maria, child of Joseph Treat	2
Apr.	16.	Benjamin, child of Daniel Smith	17 ms.
	18.	Christopher Bailey	84
May	1.	Sarah, relict of Joseph Clark	83
	—	Harriet, infant of Albert Clark	7 ms.
	2.	Ira Shaler	77
	10.	Drusilla, widow of Ezra Ruttee	68
	22.	Whitney Tyler, child of Ww. Elizabeth Seovil	2 $\frac{7}{12}$
June	1.	Julia Cone, D. of Jonathan Cone	34
	11.	Esther, D. of Sylvester Seovil	21
	18.	Male child of Arza Dickinson, a trin, (the other two children also males, stillborn)	1 D.
Aug.	11.	Isaac Buel	25
Sept.	4.	Nehemiah Tyler	81 $\frac{7}{12}$
	23.	Martha, wife of Richard Skinner	70
	27.	Currence Maria Johnson	18
Oct.	1.	Mary Brainerd, relict of Charles Brainerd	82
	18.	Jemima, relict of Samuel Bailey	71

			Age
Oct.	26.	Jerusha, wife of Asahel Bonfoey	52
	27.	Anna [Amna?] D. of Dan Lane	1½
Nov.	6.	Hezekiah Brainerd	21
	11.	Comfort C. Kelsey	22
	15.	Dolly Flagg, relict of George Flagg	37
	16.	Jedidah Hazelton, widow of Simon Hazelton	76
	24.	Lydia, wife of Dan Lane	33
	30.	James Burr	61
Dec.	8.	Benjamin Kelsey Skinner	24⅔
	20.	Delia Turner	17 7/12

1841

Feb.	4.	Philena, wife of Joseph S. Hubbard, previously widow of Sylvester Johnson	39
	9.	Nelson I. Burnham, infant of Harriet D. Ray	3 ms.
Mar.	17.	Female child of Lucinda Brainerd	3 Wks.
	21.	Jane Maria, infant of James McIntosh	4 Wks.
	24.	Eliphalet Smith, infant of Felix Miner Spencer	7 ms.
	25.	Lydia, widow of Benjamin Sherman	85
	28.	John Dickinson	66
Apr.	3.	Nathan Hervey Tibballs	30
	13.	Female infant of William Emmons	10 or 12 Ds.
	14.	Ann P., widow of Aaron Clarke of Whitestown, for some time resident in the family of her son-in-law, Chauncey Child	83
	18.	Bezaliel Shaler	68
May	7.	David C. Hubbard	56 5/12
	10.	Huldah, widow of Gideon Cooke of East-Haddam, for years resident with children here	87
	15.	James Brooks at Southington	74
	19.	Ira Ely	54½
	21.	Eliza, daughter of Nathan Tyler	27½
June	21.	Orren Dickinson (drowned in Mill Creek)	43
July	9.	Jared Shaler	42½
	14.	Esther, wife of David Burr	73
	20.	Gen. John Brainerd	68 7/12
Aug.	27.	Julia Samantha, wife of John K. Burr	26
Sept.	21.	William Child, son of James Dickinson	4½
	26.	Alma, wife of William Smith.	
Oct.	7.	Cynthia, daughter of Jeremiah Bailey	21
	8.	Anna Sawyer	72
	19.	Nehemiah Dickinson	56
	25.	George Washington Dickinson	28
Nov.	15.	Julia E., infant of John Briggs	11 Ws.
Dec.	4.	Mercy Smith (Nigra) widow the fifth time, last of Cuff Smith	90

			Age
Dec.	9.	Mehitabal, widow of Amos Dickinson	89
	11.	Zeruiah, widow of Samuel Hubbard	77
	24.	Watson Horace Bonfoey, son of Asahel Bonfoey at Mobile	25½
	31.	Mary, wife of Seth Wetmore	44
	30.	Sarah Snow, sister of the Preceptor of the Academy, from Ware, Ms.	19

1842

Jan.	20.	Laura Ann, child of Jabesh Spencer	5¾
Feb.	12.	Richard Skinner	77
Mar.	5.	Catharine, wife of Samuel Ventres	67
	15.	Hannah Edithia Williams	20
	19.	Rachel, wife of Austin Bailey	26
Apr.	1.	Mercy Tincker, widow of Seth Tincker	81
	5.	Lucy Brainerd	67
	11.	Asahel Hubbard	70
	29.	Fanny Brainerd, wife of James Brainerd	50½
May	3.	Jonathan Crook	65
	8.	Albert Tyler, son of David Tyler	33
	30.	Marwin Brooks, infant of Alva Bailey	9 Wks.
June	4.	Franklin, child of Heman Brooks	8 ms.
July	19.	James Thomas	89
	24.	Abishai Smith	87½
Aug.	6.	Hannah M. infant of John Barry	4 ms.
	11.	Levi David, infant of Revillo Brainerd	6 ms.
	12.	Edmund Williams	39
	25.	Hannah Maria, wife of Reuben Dickinson	28
	27.	Mary Ann, only child of Ww. Prudence Ely, widow of Whitmore Ely	2¾
	31.	William Whitmore, son of William Ely	2
Sept.	11.	Anna Osborn, daughter of William Emmons	7½
	20.	Orren Crook	51
	21.	Harriet Elizabeth, child of Jabez Spencer	3
	23.	Female infant of Halsey Gladwin	2 Wks.
Oct.	1.	Oliver, infant of Oliver P. Smith	5 Wks.
	4.	Mary, daughter of the late Nathan Smith	17½
	23.	Anna, widow of Ira Shaler	74
	31.	Male infant of Harriet Smith (Niger)	7 Wks.
Nov.	6.	Caroline Eliza, daughter of Dudley Clarke	6
	26.	George Smith (Niger)	55
Dec.	5.	Sally, widow of John Burr	74
	9.	Salena, infant of Ashbel Tyler	9 Wks.
	17.	Eliza Ann Young, wife of Asaph B. Youngs	25
	18.	Prudence Cornelia, child of Oliver P. Smith	2½
	26.	Edwin Augustus, child of Asaph B. Young	2⅓
	29.	Samuel Tinker	71

1843

			Age
Jan.	2.	Gurdon Walkley	58
	12.	Caroline L. daughter of Edward Ruttee	4
	16.	Asaph Brainerd, child of Asaph B. Young	4 3/4
Feb.	1.	Henry Brainerd, child of Silas Smith	4 3/4
	2.	Elizabeth Bates, D. of late Elihu Bates	31
	14.	Gideon, child of Gideon Brainerd	2 1/2
	16.	Smith Hubbard	73
	19.	Jonathan Sabin	87
	22.	Sylvester Brainerd	64
	28.	Lavinia Elizabeth, child of Gideon Brainerd	6 ms.
Mar.	3.	Cornelia Ann, child of David W. Arnold	19 ms.
	5.	Lydia, widow of James Burr	58
	6.	Harriet E. Ventres, wife of Hubbard Ventres	26
	18.	Maria H, child of Sidney S. Hazelton	1 3/4
	21.	Simon A, child of Do.	3 10/12
	23.	Lucretia, child of Rev. George Kettell	3 +
	—	Fanny, widow of Samuel Child	52
Apr.	28.	Sarah, wife of Caleb Brainerd 2d	19
	30.	Hubert, child of Aaron L. Ayres	4
May	1.	Mary Elizabeth, child of Edwin E. Bonfoey	4
	5.	Lydia M. wife of Hervey [Harvey] Dickinson	20 5/6
	11.	Benjamin F. Banning	43
	21.	Lucy Ann, wife of Samuel Smith	50
		A female child of Revillo Brainerd	1 W.
	28.	Daniel, son of Joseph N. Shaler	9 Ws.
June	11.	Josephus Shaler	38
July	9.	Caroline Amelia, child of Benj. F. Banning	3 1/2
	17.	Prudence, widow of Nehemiah Tyler	76
Aug.	4.	Nehemiah Tyler	36
	29.	Esther, widow of Oliver Brainerd	84
Sept.	3.	Antoinette, child of Gideon Bailey	17 ms.
	7.	Simeon Bates	75 1/2
	25.	Orpha, child of Coleman Clarke	4 1/4
Oct.	6.	Dorotha, wife of Lyman Bailey	55
	7.	Orpha Louisa, daughter of David Dickinson	28
		Perse Maria, daughter of Jacob Brainerd	19
	8.	Elsworth Munroe, child of Ww. Adaline Blatchley	3
	11.	Jerusha, wife of Jeremiah Shaler	75
	16.	Hepzibah Ann, D. of Hervey Brainerd	12
	28.	Seth Brainerd	64
Nov.	2.	Lydia Clarke, widow of Jonathan Clarke	70
	3.	Daniel Smith went away, supposed to have died.	
	4.	Elizabeth Hannah, wife of Alonson Brainerd	38
	18.	Luther Freeman, went away, supposed to have died.	
	27.	Shelumiel Minor	38
Dec.	8.	Gideon Brainerd	42

			Age
Dec.	23.	Temperance Lauretta, daughter of the late David C. Hubbard	24
	26.	Bethiah, widow of Daniel Gladwin	92

1844

Jan.	16.	Harriet, wife of Heman Clarke	35
	25.	Asa Brainerd	73
Feb.	5.	Noadiah Cone	83 5/12
	8.	Gideon Lisk Cook, at Waverly, Pike County, Ohio	26
	15.	Lydia, wife of Benjamin Smith	54 1/2
	19.	Sereno, child of Alonson Spencer	7
	25.	Orren Orilas, child of Ebenezer Slocum	2
	26.	Charles Dayton, child of Nathan D. Burr	1 2/3
		Harriet Deantha, wife of David Buel	20
	29.	Zabra, widow of Willard Gladwin, formerly of Russel Bailey	63
Mar.	2.	James Porter, son of James Brainerd 2d	10 3/4
	6.	Huldah, widow of Simon Smith	65
	9.	Frederic Winchel, child of Atwood Thomas	1 1/2
	10.	Henry, child of Isaac Arnold	2
		Julia, child of Jonathan Spencer	4
	13.	Samuel W. child of Albert Clark	7 1/2
Apr.	1.	Enos, child of Hezekiah Brainerd (scalded)	1 1/2
	9.	Martha, daughter of Sylvester Skinner	23

Record kept by Dea. George S. Brainerd, Clerk.

May	4.	Sabra Ann, daughter of Geo. & Philetta Arnold	19
June	20.	Isaac Loomis	49
July	3.	Philetta widow of George Arnold	39
Sept.	3.	Leura Tyler, daughter of Timothy Tyler	17
	7.	Hannah Skinner	17
	18.	Henry Arnold	23
	—	Daniel Knowles	70
Oct.	23.	George E. Smith, son of Eliphalet Smith & Lucynthia Smith	15
Aug.	24.	Jeremiah Shailer	78
Nov.	10.	Timothy Shailer	65
Dec.	5.	E. Marvin ——, a child of Deantheum Brainerd	5
May	8.	George Tyler	34
July	7.	Philliman Scovil	66
Dec.	24.	John Buel.	
Aug.	15.	Wm. W, infant of Chauncey Clark	12 wks.
Sept.	25.	Orin Orilus Child of Slocum	2
		George Smith.	

1845

			Age
May	6.	Jane Brainerd Skinner.	
	3.	Ursula Brainerd, daughter of Alvin Brd. Asahel Bonfoey.	18
Aug.	6.	Capt. Jared Arnold	71
	25.	Mary Anne Shailer.	
	27.	Sarah Dickinson.	
Oct.	5.	Elizabeth Clark or Betty Clark	70
July	28.	Richard Knowles	80
Dec.	19.	Perez Bradford	72
	9.	Hannah Barry	44
Sept.	19.	Child of Wm. Arnold.	
June	2.	Mary Tyler, Wd Neh Tyler Jr.	30
May	31.	John Odber Drowned	39
Oct.	—	Henry a colored man Drowned	31

1846

Apr.	3.	Heber Brainerd	76
	3.	Elizabeth Rutty. Died in Ohio	22
Oct.	1.	Lucynthia C. Hutchinson	30
	18.	Rebecca Kelsey, wife of Benjn. Kelsey	53
Dec.	4.	Huldah Clark, wife of Ezekiel S Clark	45
Nov.	20.	Albertin Child of Ashbel Tyler	11 ms.
Oct.	25.	Ephraim Crook	80
June	15.	Tyrus Brainerd	40
Dec.	15.	Nehemiah Brainerd	76
[July	9.]	Olivia Brainerd Daughter of Ansel & Sally Brainerd.	[18]

1847

Feb.	14.	Edward Rutty	48
Mar.	18.	Martha Thomas wife of Halsey Thomas	32
	21.	Elizabeth Skinner, wife of Selden Skinner	58
Apr.	19.	Hannah Smith wife of Wm. Smith	70
May	19.	Harlow O. Welch Child of H W & Nancy Welch	3
Sept.	13.	Caroline Skinner	20
Oct.	—	[18]. —— [Betsey] Tyler wife of Timothy Tyler	52
	—	George Emmons	17

1848

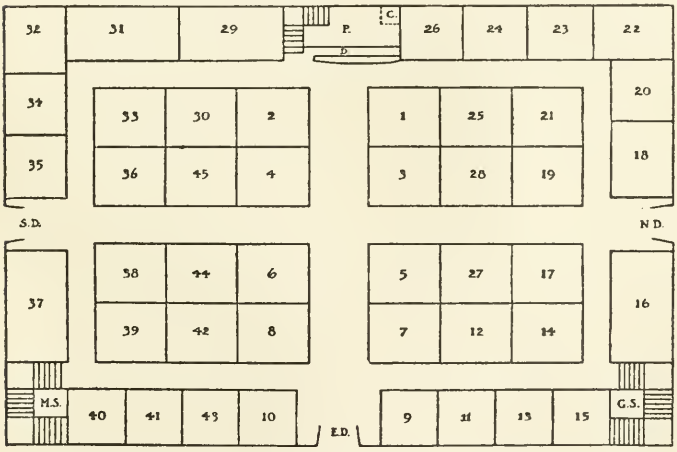
Feb.	7.	Ellen J. Welch Child of Harlow & Nancy Welch	21 ms.
	17.	John E Ventres Child of David B Ventres & Jedidah Ventres	3 ms.

			Age
Mar.	28.	Archalaus Tyler	68
	30.	Louisa Arnold	21
Apr.	20.	Hannah Brainerd, relict of Ansel Brainerd	82
[Sept.	20].	Wd. —— [Jeniva] Randall	[87]
Nov.	18.	Eliakim S. Brainerd	45
Dec.	1.	Sabra Tyler, wife of Saml. Tyler 2d	51
	8.	Jared Dickinson on his way to California	27
Oct.	1.	Eunice Walkley Wife of Solomon Walkley	57

THE OLD MEETING HOUSE

The third house of worship, now known as the "Old Meeting-House," was dedicated October 24, 1771, continued in use until the dedication of the fourth and present house of worship, November 3, 1847, and was taken down in March, 1861. Its dimensions were "sixty-five feet long and forty-five feet wide, and a proportionable height," with galleries on three sides and two tiers of windows, but no steeple.

The accompanying diagram is a copy, reduced in size, of a plan of the ground floor, prepared by Ely Warner, Esq., then treasurer of the Ecclesiastical Society, when pews were first rented in 1825.



P indicates the pulpit; C, closet for the pewter, under the pulpit; D, the deacons' seat; G S, "girls' stairs;" M S, "Men's stairs."

The treasurer's memoranda for 1825, and the promissory notes given by the contributors, indicate that the pews for that year were charged to or paid for by the persons named below, the total assessment of each pew being noted. The names of a few of the contributors are probably missing, inasmuch as one person occupying only part of a pew would sometimes pay the treasurer cash for the whole, and himself collect from the others, so that the treasurer made no account of the other names.

1. Ely Warner, $30.
2. William Ely,
   Aaron Smith,
   Stephen Smith,
   Luther Boardman, $27.
3. Daniel Brainerd,
   Gen. John Brainerd,
   James Clark,
   Jonathan Usher,
   Dea. James Walkley, $31.
4. James K. Child, $42.
5. Ansel Brainerd, Jun.,
   Roswell Brainerd, $36.
6. Dudley Clark,
   Comfort Cone,
   David Shailer,
   Selden Tyler,
   Henry Smith,
   Edward Rutty, $32.
7. Dea. Jonathan Huntington, $21.
8. Joseph Scovil, $15.
9. Nathan Tyler,
   Samuel Tyler,
   Daniel Brainerd,
   Solomon Walkley,
   Heber Brainerd, $24.
10. Dr. Andrew F. Warner,
    George S. Brainerd, $20.
11. Selden Huntington, $16.
12. David Walkley,
    Ansel Smith,
    Asa Mitchel,
    Selden Skinner, $10.50.
13. Hezekiah Scovil, 10.
14. Richard Lord, $4.25.
15. James Gladwin, $2.
16. (Colored pew) paid by
    Dea. James Walkley,
16. Ely Warner,
    Daniel Brainerd,
    Elisha Clark,
    Asahel Bonfoey,
    Hazael Smith,
    Dea. David Hubbard,
    Job Hubbard, $4.
17. Job Hubbard,
    David Hubbard, Jr., $6.50.
18. James Brooks,
    John Knowles, $9.
19. Ezra Kelsey, $9.50.
20. Hazael Smith, $14.
21. Moses Stevens,
    Stephen Tibbals, Jr.,
    Jacob Brainerd,
    Anson Bristol, $9.50.
22. Ebenezer Cook, $14.
23. Selden Huntington, $9.
24. Timothy Walkley,
    Nathaniel Hull,
    Jabez Brainerd, $14.
25. Daniel Thomas,
    Cornelius Higgins, $14.50.
26. John Butler, $8.
27. Selden Huntington, $10.
28. Charles Smith,
    Daniel Merwin, $11.
29. Minister's pew.
30. Oliver Brainerd,
    Ira Shailer,
    John Hayden, $18.
31. James Thomas,
    Daniel Smith,
    Nehemiah Brainerd,
    Thomas Church,
    Noah Clark,
    Gideon Brainerd, $30.

32. Nehemiah Dickinson, $30.
33. Simon Hazleton,
Fiske Brainerd, $10.
34. Nehemiah Dickinson, $30.
35. James Brainerd,
Heman Clark, $6.75.
36. Samuel Tyler, 2d, $10.
37. Dea. Asa Young, $6.50.
38. George E. Bailey, $9.
39. Daniel Tyler,
Timothy Tyler,
Azra Dickinson,
David Dickinson, $8.
40. Eliphalet Smith,
Heber Brainerd, 2d, $11.
41. Cephas Brainerd,
Benjamin Kelsey, $17.
42. Jonathan Arnold, $16.
43. Thomas Shailer, $15.
44. Nathaniel Cook,
George C. Arnold, $9.
45. Daniel C. Dickinson, $10.

Gallery Pews.

Hurlbut Swan, $2.
John Brainerd, $2.
James Clark, $3.50.
Jeptha Brainerd, $5.
Hezekiah Brainerd, $5.
Arnold Ray, $10.25.
Total assessment, $717.75.

In 1832 the contributors whose names are preserved and the assessments of the several pews are as follows:

1. Cyprian S. Brainerd,
Nathaniel Hull,
Noadiah Cone, $28.
2. $18.
3. Dea. James Walkley,
Gen. John Brainerd,
Daniel Brainerd, $30.
4. $30.
5. Dea. Jonathan Huntington,
Aaron Brainerd, $25.
6. Selden Tyler,
Edward Rutty, $25.
7. Gideon Brainerd, Jr., $9.
8. Cephas Brainerd,
David Walkley,
Asa Mitchel, $8.
9. Horace Smith,
Daniel Tyler,
Samuel Tyler, $18.
10. Jared Arnold,
Dr. Benj. H. Catlin,
Smith Clark, $16.
11. Russel Gladding,
David C. Hubbard,
Selden Gladwin, $10.
12. Daniel Merwin,
Sylvester Brainerd, 2d,
Cornelius Brainerd, 3d,
12. Ezekiel Spencer, $6.
13. Chauncey Child, $7.
14. Solomon Walkley, $3.
15. John Cone, $4.
16. Colored pew.
17. Widows' pew, $5.
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19. Job Hubbard, $5.
20. Asahel Bonfoey,
Benjamin Smith,
Enos Smith,
Samuel Smith, $14.
21. Benanuel Bonfoey,
James C. Arnold, $4.
22. John May,
Christopher E. Hill,
Jonathan Usher, $10.
23. Theodore Child, $16.
24. Hurlbut Swan,
Confort Cone, $22.
25. James Clark,
Chauncey D. Skinner, $10.
26. David Bonfoey,
Richard Skinner,
James Thomas, $15.
27. David Hubbard, Jr., $9.
28. Daniel Brainerd, $9.
29. Minister's pew, assessed at $40, and paid by

29. Gen. John Brainerd,
Hurlbut Swan,
Orin O. Wickham,
Jared H. Shailer,
Edward H. Tyler,
David B. Treadwell,
Henry L. Shailer,
William S. Tyler.
30. Ely Warner,
Darius Dickinson,
Nathaniel Cook, $15.
31. Arnold H. Hayden,
Dr. Ira Hutchinson,
Thomas Shailer,
George S. Brainerd, $30.
32. Alva Shailer,
Willard Cook,
Ansel Brainerd, Jr., $15.
33. Oliver Brainerd, $6.
34. Nehemiah Brainerd, $18.
35. Heber Brainerd, $8.
36. Stephen Dickinson,
Ira Shailer, $5.
37.
38. Samuel Tyler, 2d, $5.
39.
40. Nehemiah Brainerd, $4.
41. Eliphalet Smith,
Ezekiel S. Clark,
David B. Ventres,
Davis Kelsey, $9.
42. Curtis Smith,
Dea. Asa Young,
Willard Gladwin, $6.
43. George Kelsey,
Nathan Tyler,
Benjamin Kelsey,
Richard Skinner, Jr., $9.
44. Edwin A. Smith,
Deantheum H. Brainerd,
Hiram Brooks, $10.
45. Archelaus Tyler,
John Dickinson,
Daniel C. Dickinson,
Charles Smith, $10.

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